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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 304, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to changing traffic lights, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 304.078, to read as follows:

304.078. 1. As used in this section "emergency personnel" means any of the following:

(1) Any member of the state highway patrol, the state water patrol, any state park ranger, any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer or traffic officer, or any coroner;

(2) Any person operating an ambulance or other vehicle used for the purpose of transporting emergency medical supplies or organs while performing emergency service;

(3) Any driver of any wrecker, or tow truck or a vehicle owned and operated by a public utility or public service corporation while performing emergency service;

(4) Any person transporting equipment designed to extricate human beings from the wreckage of a motor vehicle, but only while transporting such equipment in response to a request from other emergency personnel to transport such equipment to the site of an emergency;

(5) Any person designated to perform emergency functions for a civil defense or emergency management agency established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 44, RSMo;

(6) Any authorized employee of the department of corrections, who as a part of the

18 **employee's official duties, is responding to a riot, disturbance, hostage incident, escape or**
19 **other critical situation where there is the threat of serious physical injury or death,**
20 **responding to mutual aid call from another criminal justice agency in an emergency**
21 **situation or accompanying an ambulance which is transporting an offender to a medical**
22 **facility when such transport is an emergency situation;**

23 **(7) Any person designated to perform hazardous substance emergency functions;**

24 **(8) Any member of an organized fire department, ambulance association, or rescue**
25 **squad, whether paid or volunteer, but only while responding to an emergency fire call, an**
26 **emergency rescue call or an emergency ambulance call or at the scene of an emergency fire**
27 **call, an emergency rescue call, or an emergency ambulance call.**

28 **2. No person other than emergency personnel shall use any device to change a**
29 **traffic control signal as defined in section 300.010, RSMo.**

30 **3. No person other than emergency personnel shall possess any device which can**
31 **be used to change a traffic control signal as defined in section 300.010, RSMo, unless he or**
32 **she possesses it for the purpose of selling such a device to emergency personnel.**

33 **4. No person or business entity in this state shall sell to any person, other than**
34 **emergency personnel, any device which can be used to change a traffic control signal, and**
35 **no person or business entity shall sell such a device through the use of the Internet to any**
36 **person in this state, other than emergency personnel.**

37 **5. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class**
38 **A misdemeanor.**