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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1345

## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WARD (Sponsor), CRAWFORD, PARKER, YATES,  
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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 304, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to unauthorized use of traffic signal preemption systems, with a penalty provision.

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*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 304.077, to read as follows:

**304.077. 1. As used in this section "traffic signal preemption system (TSPS)" means a traffic control system designated for use by emergency vehicles, as defined in section 304.020, to improve traffic movement by temporarily controlling signalized intersections.**

**2. The owner of a traffic control signal may authorize use of a TSPS by the following persons for the following purposes:**

**(1) An authorized operator in an authorized emergency vehicle, in order to improve the safety and efficiency of emergency response operations;**

**(2) An authorized operator in a bus, in order to interrupt the cycle of the traffic control signal in such a way as to keep the green light showing for longer than it otherwise would;**

**(3) An authorized operator in a traffic signal maintenance vehicle, in order to facilitate traffic signal maintenance activities.**

**3. A TSPS used by an authorized person in an emergency vehicle shall preempt and override a device operated by any other person.**

**4. A traffic control signal operating device used as authorized under this section must operate in such a way that the device does not continue to control the signal once the**

18 **vehicle containing the device has arrived at the intersection, regardless of whether the**  
19 **vehicle remains at the intersection.**

20 **5. It shall be unlawful for any person not approved herein to use a TSPS to control**  
21 **traffic.**

22 **6. Violation of the provisions of this section is a class B misdemeanor.**