AN ACT concerning transportation; relating to transportation network company vehicles; relating to regulating the use of authorized lights, city ordinances; requiring vehicle drivers to stop for on-track train equipment at railroad grade crossing signals; amending K.S.A. 8-1551 and K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 8-1729 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) The governing body of a city may adopt an ordinance that allows a driver for a transportation network company, who is logged on to the transportation network company's digital network, to equip the vehicle with a lighting device capable of displaying light visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle. Such lighting device may display: (1) Steady light; and (2) light of any color, except red.

(b) The words and phrases used in this section have the meanings respectively ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 8-2702, and amendments thereto, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context.

(c) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 8-1729 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1729. (a) During the times specified in K.S.A. 8-1703, and amendments thereto, any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle, other than head lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, vehicular hazard warning lamps and school bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300 candlepower shall be so directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than 75 feet from the vehicle.

(b) Except as required or permitted in K.S.A. 8-1720 and 8-1730, and amendments thereto, or section 1, and amendments thereto, no person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device capable of displaying a red light visible from directly in front of the center thereof, nor shall any vehicle or equipment upon any highway have any lamp or device displaying any color of light visible from directly in front of the center thereof except white or amber or any...
shade of color between white and amber.

(c) Flashing lights are prohibited except as authorized or required in K.S.A. 8-1717, 8-1720, 8-1721, 8-1722, 8-1723, 8-1730, 8-1730a and 8-1731, and amendments thereto.

(d) The flashing lights described in K.S.A. 8-1720, 8-1730 and 8-1730a, and amendments thereto, shall not be used on any vehicle other than a school bus, church bus or day care program bus, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1730a, and amendments thereto, or an authorized emergency vehicle.

(e) All lighting devices and reflectors mounted on the rear of any vehicle shall display or reflect a red color, except the stop light or other signal device, which may be red, amber or yellow, and except that the light illuminating the license plate shall be white and the light emitted by a back-up lamp shall be white or amber.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1551 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1551. (a) Whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing under any of the circumstances stated in this section, the driver of such vehicle shall stop within fifty (50) feet but not less than fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail of such railroad, and shall not proceed until he or she can do so safely. The foregoing requirements shall apply when:

(1) A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a railroad train or other on-track equipment;

(2) a crossing gate is lowered or when a human flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a railroad train or other on-track equipment;

(3) a railroad train or other on-track equipment approaching within approximately one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of the highway crossing emits a signal audible from such distance and such railroad train or other on-track equipment, by reason of its speed or nearness to such crossing, is an immediate hazard; or

(4) an approaching railroad train or other on-track equipment is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing.

(b) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-1551 and K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 8-1729 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.