
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **192** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. ROONEY AND YATRON,
FEBRUARY 8, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS, FEBRUARY 8, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29 1959 (P L 58) entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code the Tractor Code the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership possession and use of vehicles and tractors" further providing for the placing of reflectors on vehicles and providing penalties

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter ~~stricken through~~ is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter ~~stricken~~ from existing law.

1 Section 1 Subsection (f) of section 801 act of April 29 1959 (P L.
2 58) known as "The Vehicle Code" is amended to read

3 Section 801 Required Lighting Equipment

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5 (f) Reflectors and Reflective Materials Every [motor bus motor om-
6 nibus commercial] motor vehicle every trailer or semi-trailer and every
7 vehicle drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles when operated
8 on a highway may display reflective materials and shall display [at each
9 side of the rear a red reflector] reflectors meeting the following require-
10 ments

11 [Whenever a red reflector is so used or whenever reflectors are
12 used as hereinafter provided it or they] (1) Every such vehicle shall be
13 equipped with two (2) red reflectors mounted on the rear thereof ex-
14 cept that on a truck tractor they may be mounted on the rear of the
15 cab Every such vehicle eighty (80) inches or more in over-all width ex-
16 cept a truck tractor or a pole trailer shall also be equipped on each side
17 with one (1) reflector mounted at or near the front and with one (1)
18 reflector mounted at or near the rear In addition every trailer or semi-
19 trailer eighty (80) inches or more in over-all width and thirty (30) feet
20 or more in length except a pole trailer shall be equipped with at least

1 one (1) additional reflector the additional reflector or reflectors to be
2 mounted at or near the center or at approximately uniform spacing in
3 the length of the vehicle Every pole trailer regardless of its width or
4 length shall be equipped on each side with one (1) amber reflector at or
5 near the front of the load and with one (1) red reflector on the rear-
6 most support for the load Every reflector on a motor bus motor omni-
7 bus commercial motor vehicle truck tractor trailer or semi-trailer shall
8 be a Class A reflex reflector Reflectors on other vehicles shall be either
9 Class A or Class B reflex reflectors

10 (2) Reflectors required on the rear or nearest to the rear on the
11 sides of a vehicle shall reflect a red color and reflectors required else-
12 where on a vehicle shall reflect an amber color They shall be mounted
13 upon the vehicle at a height not to exceed sixty (60) inches and not
14 less than twenty-four (24) inches above the ground upon which the ve-
15 hicle stands [and every such reflector] except that reflectors shall be
16 mounted as high as practicable on vehicles which are so constructed as
17 to make compliance with the twenty-four (24) inch requirement im-
18 practical They shall be so installed as to perform their function ade-
19 quately and reliably and except for temporary reflectors required for

1 vehicles in drive-away-towaway operation or on projecting loads they
2 shall be permanently and securely mounted in workmanlike manner so
3 as to provide maximum stability and minimum likelihood of damage
4 Required reflectors otherwise properly mounted may be securely in-
5 stalled on flexible strapping or belting provided that under conditions
6 of normal operation they reflect light in required directions Required
7 reflectors mounted temporarily on vehicles during the time they are
8 in transit in a driveaway-towaway operation must be firmly attached
9 Every required reflector shall be of a type which at the time of its use
10 is approved by the secretary and shall be so designed and maintained as
11 to be visible at night from all distances within [five hundred (500)] six
12 hundred (600) feet to [fifty (50)] one hundred (100) feet from such
13 vehicle when directly in front of or opposite to a motor vehicle display-
14 ing lawfully lighted head lamps as provided in this act

15 (3) Within the limitations of this subsection the secretary may
16 adopt standard specifications governing the use and display of reflectors
17 or reflective materials or both on the vehicles designated herein and it
18 shall be unlawful for any person to use or display any reflectors or re-
19 fective materials as provided herein in violation of the standard speci-
20 fications so adopted Such specifications shall be as nearly uniform as

1 practicable with requirements of the Interstate Commerce Commission

2 applicable to vehicles of similar type and size

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4 Penalty Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection
5 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) or (f) of this section shall upon summary conviction
6 before a magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00)
7 and costs of prosecution and in default of the payment thereof shall
8 undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days Any person vio-
9 lating any of the provisions of subsection (g) (h) (i) (j) or (k) of this
10 section shall upon summary conviction before a magistrate be sentenced
11 to pay a fine of two dollars (\$2.00) and costs of prosecution and in de-
12 fault of the payment thereof shall undergo imprisonment for not more
13 than one (1) day

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We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor