

Report of the Committee of Conference on Senate Bill No. 192

To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives:

We, the undersigned, Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of considering Senate Bill No. 192, entitled: "An act amending the act of April 29, 1950 (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."

Respectively submit the following bill as our report:

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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

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

1 [Whenever a red reflector is so used or whenever reflectors are
2 used as hereinafter provided it or they] (1) Every such vehicle shall be
3 equipped with two (2) red reflectors mounted on the rear thereof ex-
4 cept that on a truck tractor they may be mounted on the rear of the
5 cab Every such vehicle eighty (80) inches or more in over-all width ex-
6 cept a truck tractor or a pole trailer or a passenger or suburban motor
7 vehicle shall also be equipped on each side with one (1) reflector mounted
8 at or near the front and with one (1) reflector mounted at or near the
9 rear In addition every trailer or semi-trailer eighty (80) inches or more
10 in over-all width and thirty (30) feet or more in length except a pole
11 trailer shall be equipped with at least one (1) additional reflector the addi-
12 tional reflector or reflectors to be mounted at or near the center or at
13 approximately uniform spacing in the length of the vehicle Every pole
14 trailer regardless of its width or length shall be equipped on each side
15 with one (1) amber reflector at or near the front of the load and with
16 one (1) red reflector on the rear-most support for the load Every reflector
17 on a motor bus motor omnibus commercial motor vehicle truck tractor
18 trailer or semi-trailer shall be a Class A reflex reflector Reflectors on other
19 vehicles shall be either Class A or Class B reflex reflectors

1 (2) Reflectors required on the rear or nearest to the rear on the
2 sides of a vehicle shall reflect a red color and reflectors required else-
3 where on a vehicle shall reflect an amber color They shall be mounted
4 upon the vehicle at a height not to exceed sixty (60) inches and not
5 less than twenty-four (24) inches above the ground upon which the
6 vehicle stands [and every such reflector] in the case of a motor bus
7 motor omnibus commercial motor vehicle trailer semi-trailer or vehicle
8 drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles and in the case of a pas-
9 senger or suburban motor vehicle not less than twenty (20) inches above
10 the ground upon which the vehicle stands except that reflectors shall
11 be mounted as high as practicable on vehicles which are so constructed
12 as to make compliance with the twenty-four (24) inch or twenty (20)
13 inch requirement impractical They shall be so installed as to perform
14 their function adequately and reliably and except for temporary reflectors
15 required for vehicles in drive-away-towaway operation or on projecting
16 loads they shall be permanently and securely mounted in workmanlike
17 manner so as to provide maximum stability and minimum likelihood of
18 damage Required reflectors otherwise properly mounted may be securely
19 installed on flexible strapping or belting provided that under conditions
20 of normal operation they reflect light in required directions Required

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1 reflectors mounted temporarily on vehicles during the time they are in
2 transit in a driveaway-towaway operation must be firmly attached Every
3 required reflector shall be of a type which at the time of its use is approved
4 by the secretary and shall be so designed and maintained as to be visible at
5 night on commercial vehicles from all distances within [five hundred
6 (500)] six hundred (600) feet to [fifty (50)] one hundred (100) feet and
7 on all other vehicles from all distances within three hundred fifty (350)
8 feet to one hundred (100) feet from such vehicle when directly in front
9 of or opposite to a motor vehicle displaying lawfully lighted head lamps
10 as provided in this act

11 (3) Within the limitations of this subsection the secretary may
12 adopt standard specifications governing the use and display of reflectors
13 or reflective materials or both on the vehicles designated herein and it
14 shall be unlawful for any person to use or display any reflectors or re-
15 fective materials as provided herein in violation of the standard specifi-
16 cations so adopted Such specifications shall be as nearly uniform as
17 practicable with requirements of the Interstate Commerce Commission
18 applicable to vehicles of similar type and size

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