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SENATE BILL

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MESSRS. ROONEY AND YATRON, IN PLACE,
FEBRUARY 8, 1961.

AS AMENDED ON SECOND READING, IN HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 21, 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. Underlining 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 OR A PASSENGER OR SUB-
17 URBAN MOTOR VEHICLE shall also be equipped on each side with
18 one (1) reflector mounted at or near the front and with one (1) reflector
19 mounted at or near the rear In addition every trailer or semi-trailer

1 eighty (80) inches or more in over-all width and thirty (30) feet or
2 more in length except a pole trailer shall be equipped with at least one
3 (1) additional reflector the additional reflector or reflectors to be mount-
4 ed at or near the center or at approximately uniform spacing in the
5 length of the vehicle Every pole trailer regardless of its width or length
6 shall be equipped on each side with one (1) amber reflector at or near
7 the front of the load and with one (1) red reflector on the rear-most
8 support for the load Every reflector on a motor bus motor omnibus com-
9 mercial motor vehicle truck tractor trailer or semi-trailer shall be a
10 Class A reflex reflector Reflectors on other vehicles shall be either Class
11 A or Class B reflex reflectors

12 (2) Reflectors required on the rear or nearest to the rear on the
13 sides of a vehicle shall reflect a red color and reflectors required else-
14 where on a vehicle shall reflect an amber color They shall be mounted
15 upon the vehicle at a height not to exceed sixty (60) inches and not
16 less than [twenty-four (24)] ~~TWENTY (20)~~ inches above the ground
17 upon which the vehicle stands [and every such reflector] except that re-
18 fectors shall be mounted as high as practicable on vehicles which are
19 so constructed as to make compliance with the ~~twenty-four (24)~~ twenty
20 ~~(20)~~ TWENTY-FOUR (24) inch requirement impractical They shall be

1 so installed as to perform their function adequately and reliably and ex-
2 cept for temporary reflectors required for vehicles in drive-away-towaway
3 operation or on projecting loads they shall be permanently and securely
4 mounted in workmanlike manner so as to provide maximum stability and
5 minimum likelihood of damage Required reflectors otherwise properly
6 mounted may be securely installed on flexible strapping or belting provid-
7 ed that under conditions of normal operation they reflect light in required
8 directions Required reflectors mounted temporarily on vehicles during the
9 time they are in transit in a driveaway-towaway operation must be firmly
10 attached Every required reflector shall be of a type which at the time
11 of its use is approved by the secretary and shall be so designed and main-
12 tained as to be visible at night ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES from
13 all distances within [five hundred (500)] six hundred (600) feet to [fifty
14 (50)] one hundred (100) feet AND ON ALL OTHER VEHICLES
15 FROM ALL DISTANCES WITHIN THREE HUNDRED FIFTY
16 (350) FEET TO ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET from such vehicle when
17 directly in front of or opposite to a motor vehicle displaying lawfully
18 lighted head lamps as provided in this act

19 (3) Within the limitations of this subsection the secretary may
20 adopt standard specifications governing the use and display of reflectors

1 or reflective materials or both on the vehicles designated herein and it
2 shall be unlawful for any person to use or display any reflectors or re-
3 fective materials as provided herein in violation of the standard specifi-
4 cations so adopted. Such specifications shall be as nearly uniform as
5 practicable with requirements of the Interstate Commerce Commission
6 applicable to vehicles of similar type and size

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

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