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MESSRS. ROONEY AND McCREESH, IN PLACE,  
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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 lights and signals to be used in connection with certain vehicles and providing penalties

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

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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 (d) section 801 act of April 29 1959 (P L 58)  
2 known as "The Vehicle Code" amended July 13 1959 (P L 535) is  
3 amended to read

4 Section 801 Required Lighting Equipment

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6 (d) Rear Lamps and Illumination of Rear Registration Plate Every  
7 motor vehicle and every trailer or semi-trailer attached to a motor ve-  
8 hicle and every vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a combination  
9 of vehicles shall carry at the rear at least two (2) lamps of a type which  
10 at the time of their use is approved by the secretary and which exhibit  
11 a red light plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions at night  
12 from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear of such vehicle  
13 Such rear lamps or a separate lamp shall be so constructed and placed  
14 that the number plate carried on the rear of such vehicle shall under  
15 like conditions be so illuminated by a white light as to be read from a dis-  
16 tance of fifty (50) feet to the rear of such vehicle When the rear number  
17 plate is illuminated by an electric lamp other than the required rear  
18 lamps the three (3) lamps shall be turned on or off only by the same con-  
19 trol switch at all times whenever head lamps are lighted Provided how-  
20 ever That the requirement of at least two (2) red rear lamps on such

1 vehicles shall [apply only to vehicles initially registered in this Com-  
2 monwealth on or after July 1 1956 Vehicles initially registered in this  
3 Commonwealth prior to July 1 1956 shall be required to carry one (1)  
4 red rear lamp rather than the two (2) red rear lamps as otherwise re-  
5 quired by the provisions of this subsection Tractors and motorcycles]  
6 not apply to tractors motorcycles truck tractors and towing vehicles in  
7 driveaway-towaway operations which shall carry at least one (1) rear  
8 lamp which exhibits a red light plainly visible to the rear

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

20 Section 2 Subsection (e) section 801 of the act is amended to read

1 Section 801 Required Lighting Equipment

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3 (c) Stop Lamps Every motor vehicle and every trailer or semi-  
4 trailer attached to a motor vehicle and every vehicle which is being  
5 drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles shall carry at the rear at  
6 least two (2) stop lamps one (1) on each side of the rear of the vehicle of  
7 a type which at the time of their use are approved by the Secretary of  
8 Revenue [Provided however That the requirement of at least two (2)  
9 stop lamps on such vehicles shall apply only to vehicles initially regis-  
10 tered in this Commonwealth on or after July 1 1956 All other such ve-  
11 hicles shall carry at the rear at least one (1) stop lamp] except as other-  
12 wise provided in this subsection Tractors truck tractors and towing ve-  
13 hicles in driveway-towaway operations shall carry at least one (1) stop  
14 lamp

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16 Penalty Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection  
17 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) or (f) of this section shall upon summary conviction  
18 before a magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00)  
19 and costs of prosecution and in default of the payment thereof shall

1 undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days Any person violat-  
2 ing any of the provisions of subsection (g) (h) (i) (j) or (k) of this section  
3 shall upon summary conviction before a magistrate be sentenced to pay  
4 a fine of two dollars (\$2.00) and costs of prosecution and in default of  
5 the payment thereof shall undergo imprisonment for not more than one  
6 (1) day

7 Section 3 Subsection (g) section 801 of the act amended November  
8 12 1959 (P L 1499) is amended to read

9 Section 801 Required Lighting Equipment

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11 (g) Commercial Motor Vehicles Trailers Semi-Trailers Buses and  
12 Omnibuses Every commercial motor vehicle trailer semi-trailer or every  
13 motor omnibus or motor bus except motor buses or motor omnibuses  
14 operated entirely within municipalities when their interiors are illumi-  
15 nated or every combination of vehicles engaged in driveaway-towaway  
16 operations shall display lighted lamps at the times mentioned in sub-  
17 section (a) when and as required in this section except that such lamps  
18 may be but are not required to be lighted when any such vehicle is upon  
19 a highway which is sufficiently illuminated by street lamps to render  
20 any person or vehicle visible at a distance of five hundred (500) feet

1 (1) Electric Clearance Lamps Every such vehicle having a width at  
2 any part [in excess] of eighty (80) inches or more and every combina-  
3 tion of vehicles engaged in a driveaway-towaway operation shall be  
4 equipped with two (2) electric clearance lamps located on [the extreme  
5 left side of such vehicle one (1) located at] the front and displaying an  
6 amber light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the  
7 front of the vehicle and [the other] two (2) electric clearance lamps  
8 located at the rear of the vehicle and displaying a red light visible from  
9 a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear of the vehicle and said  
10 rear electric clearance lamp shall be in addition to the red rear lamp  
11 hereinbefore required [Provided however That vehicles equipped with  
12 acetylene head lamps may in lieu of such electric clearance lights be  
13 equipped with an amber reflector in front and a red reflector in the rear  
14 which shall be so designed and maintained to meet the requirements as  
15 to reflectors provided in this section]

16 Clearance lamps are not required on a pole trailer or on the rear  
17 of a truck tractor On driveaway-towaway combinations they are re-  
18 quired only on the front of the towing vehicle and the rear of the rear-  
19 most towed vehicle So far as is practicable they shall be mounted to in-

1 dicate the extreme width and height of the vehicle except that on truck  
2 tractors they shall be so located as to indicate the extreme width of the  
3 cab

4 (2) Electric Identification Lamps Front and Rear Every such mo-  
5 tor vehicle trailer or semi-trailer excepting those house trailers mobile-  
6 homes and office trailers which must obtain a special hauling permit under  
7 section 720 of this act for their movement upon a highway within this  
8 Commonwealth or combination of such vehicles having [a length in  
9 excess of thirty (30) feet or] a width [in excess] of eighty (80) inches  
10 [except those which shall be equipped to conform to the regulations  
11 of the Interstate Commerce Commission] or more and every combina-  
12 tion of vehicles engaged in a driveaway-towaway operation having any  
13 vehicle therein eighty (80) inches or more in over-all width shall be  
14 equipped with electric lamps on the front displaying three (3) amber  
15 lights and electric lamps on the rear displaying three (3) red lights [and  
16 the] except as otherwise provided herein Such lamps are not required  
17 on the rear of truck tractors or on the front of trailers semi-trailers pole  
18 trailers or any towing vehicle in a driveaway-towaway operation The  
19 lights in each such group shall be mounted on the verticle center line  
20 of the front and the rear of the vehicle on which they are required

1 They shall be evenly spaced not less than six (6) nor more than twelve  
2 (12) inches apart along a horizontal line near the top of the vehicle and  
3 [said lights] shall be visible from distances of five hundred (500) feet  
4 to the front and rear respectively of the vehicle [Provided however  
5 That vehicles equipped with acetylene head lamps may in lieu of such  
6 electric identification lamps be equipped with red and amber reflectors]  
7 Where the cab of the motor vehicle is not more than forty-two (42)  
8 inches wide at the front roof line a single lamp at the center of the cab  
9 shall be deemed to comply with the requirement for front identification  
10 lamps Identification lamps required on the rear of a pole trailer may  
11 be mounted on the vertical center line of the rear of the cab of the  
12 truck tractor drawing the pole trailer and higher than the load being  
13 transported No part of the front identification lamps or their mountings  
14 may extend below the top of the vehicle windshield Rear identification  
15 lamps on a truck trailer or semi-trailer need not be lighted if obscured  
16 by another vehicle towed by the truck or in the same combination of  
17 vehicles The requirement for three (3) identification lamps on the  
18 vertical center line of the vehicle will be met as to location by one (1)  
19 lamp on the center line with the other two (2) at right or left

1 (3) Electric Side Marker Lamps Every such vehicle or combination  
2 of such vehicles [which exceeds twenty (20) feet in overall length]  
3 shall be equipped with at least four (4) electric side marker lamps one (1)  
4 on each side near the front and one (1) on each side near the rear Said  
5 electric lamps near the front shall display amber lights and said electric  
6 lamps near the rear shall display red lights each visible from a distance  
7 of five hundred (500) feet to the side of the vehicle on which it is  
8 located [If the electric clearance lamps on the left side of a vehicle  
9 as hereinbefore required display lights visible from a distance of five  
10 hundred (500) feet at right angles to the left of the vehicle they shall  
11 be deemed to meet the requirements as to left marker lamps in this  
12 paragraph In lieu of such electric side marker lamps any such vehicle  
13 may be equipped with four (4) reflectors two (2) on each side and  
14 otherwise meeting the requirements of this act] Trailers thirty (30)  
15 feet or more in length shall be equipped with one (1) additional side  
16 marker lamp on each side at optional height the additional side marker  
17 lamp (or lamps) to be at or near the center or at approximately uniform  
18 spacing in the length of the vehicle The side marker lamp required at  
19 or near the front and the side marker lamp required at or near the rear  
20 shall be mounted as near the top of the vehicle as practicable If any

1 clearance lamp hereinbefore required displays light visible from a dis-  
2 tance of five hundred (500) feet at right angle to the side of the vehicle  
3 at which it is mounted it shall be deemed to meet the requirement in  
4 this paragraph as to the side marker lamp at that approximate location

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

16 Section 4 ~~Subsection~~ THE SECTION HEADING AND SUB-  
17 SECTION (c) section 802 sections 836 and 1012 of the act are amended  
18 to read

19 Section 802 Additional **[Permissible]** Lights and Devices

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1 (c) Signal Lamps [and Mechanical Signal Devices]

2 (1) Whenever a motor vehicle is required to be equipped with a  
3 signal lamp or a signal device such lamp or device shall be so constructed  
4 and located on the vehicle as to give a signal of intention to stop or  
5 to turn right or left The signal shall be yellow or red in color and shall  
6 be plainly visible in normal sunlight and at night from a distance of one  
7 hundred (100) feet to the front and from a distance of one hundred  
8 (100) feet to the rear of the vehicle but shall not project a glaring or  
9 dazzling light and all such signals shall be of types which at the time  
10 of their use are approved by the secretary except that a signal giving  
11 the intention to stop shall only be visible from a distance of one hundred  
12 (100) feet to the rear

13 (2) When a vehicle is equipped with a mechanical signal the mechan-  
14 ical signal shall be self-illuminated when in use at the times mentioned in  
15 section 801 and shall be of a type which at the time of its use is approved  
16 by the secretary]

17 Every motor vehicle and every combination of vehicles shall be  
18 equipped with signal lamps as follows

19 (1) Two (2) stop lamps shall be mounted on the rear except where  
20 one (1) stop lamp is authorized which lamp or lamps shall display a

1 red yellow or amber light or any shade of color between red and yellow  
2 visible from a distance of not less than one hundred (100) feet to the  
3 rear in normal sunlight which shall be actuated upon application of  
4 the service (foot) brake and which may but need not be incorporated  
5 with one (1) or more other rear lamps No stop lamp may be combined  
6 with a turn signal lamp unless the arrangement of switches or other  
7 parts is such that the stop light is always extinguished when the turn  
8 signal is in use Class A Type I turn signals or Class B turn signals  
9 may be used as stop lamps

10 (2) Every motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles shall be  
11 equipped with two (2) signal lamps on the front and two (2) signal  
12 lamps on the rear which when actuated by a switch shall flash on the  
13 side toward which the vehicle moves in turning changing from one  
14 traffic lane to another or entering the traffic stream from a parked posi-  
15 tion Turn signal lamps on or facing the front shall be white amber or  
16 any shade of color between white and amber Turn signals on or facing  
17 the rear shall be red yellow amber or any shade of color between red  
18 and yellow Simultaneous flashing of the two (2) front and two (2) rear  
19 signal lamps shall indicate a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual

1 care in approaching overtaking or passing Signal lamps on every com-  
2 mercial motor vehicle HAVING A WIDTH OF EIGHTY (80)  
3 INCHES OR MORE trailer semi-trailer motor omnibus or motor bus  
4 shall be Class A Type I signal lamps On other vehicles they may be  
5 Class B signal lamps No turn signal lamp or lamps shall be used to  
6 give courtesy or "do pass" signals Turn signal lamps shall not be flashed  
7 on one side only on a parked or disabled vehicle

8 (3) When a vehicle is equipped with an electrical signal device  
9 such device shall be of a type which at the time of its use is approved  
10 by the secretary

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12 Penalty Any person violating any of the provisions of this section  
13 or any person who shall use a warning lamp of the type authorized by  
14 subsection (d) of this section while a vehicle is in motion shall upon  
15 summary conviction before a magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of  
16 ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution and in default of the pay-  
17 ment thereof shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5)  
18 days

19 Section 836 Danger and Caution Signals

20 [(a) Every motor bus and every motor omnibus for the carriage of]

1 [passengers for hire except taxicabs and every commercial vehicle or  
2 combination of vehicles having a registered capacity gross weight of  
3 eleven thousand (11,000) pounds or more and every trailer or semi-  
4 trailer designed for the living quarters or carriage of persons shall be  
5 equipped with at least three (3) red flags of dimensions not less than  
6 twelve by twelve (12 x 12) inches and a sufficient number of flares not  
7 less than three (3) or electric lanterns electric flashing signals or other  
8 signals capable of continuously producing three (3) warning lights each  
9 visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet for a period  
10 of at least eight (8) hours or three (3) reflector type flares Provided  
11 however That the provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles  
12 within the confines of a municipality or within a business or residence  
13 district

14 Every such flare lantern electric flashing signal reflector type flare  
15 or other signal shall be of a type approved by the secretary and he  
16 shall publish lists of those devices which he has approved as adequate  
17 for the purposes of this section

18 (b) Whenever any such vehicle and its lighting equipment are  
19 disabled during the period when lighted lamps must be displayed on  
20 vehicles and such vehicle cannot immediately be removed from the main]

1 [traveled portion of a highway outside of a business or residence district  
2 or if the lighting equipment on any such vehicle is not disabled but due  
3 to the position of such vehicle upon the highway or by reason of con-  
4 tours or curves in such highway it may constitute a menace to other  
5 vehicular traffic the operator or other person in charge of such vehicle  
6 shall cause such flares lanterns flashing signals or other signals to be  
7 lighted and placed upon the highway or reflector type flares placed upon  
8 the highway one (1) at a distance of approximately one hundred (100)  
9 feet in advance of such vehicle one (1) at a distance of approximately  
10 one hundred (100) feet to the rear of the vehicle and the third upon the  
11 highway side of the vehicle except that if the vehicle is transporting  
12 flammables such vehicles shall be equipped with a sufficient number of  
13 electric flares or electric flashing signals or reflector type flares not less  
14 than three (3) Whenever any such vehicle is disabled during the period  
15 when lighted lamps are not required to be displayed on vehicles and  
16 such vehicle cannot immediately be removed from the main traveled  
17 portion of a highway outside of a business or residence district or when-  
18 ever a vehicle is disabled upon the highway and by reason of contours  
19 or curves in such highway it may constitute a menace to other vehicular  
20 traffic the operator or other person in charge of such vehicle shall cause]

1 [the red flags to be placed upon the highway one (1) at a distance of  
2 approximately one hundred (100) feet in advance of such vehicle and  
3 one (1) at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet to the  
4 rear of the vehicle and the third upon the highway side of the vehicle

5 (c) No person shall at any time operate a vehicle transporting  
6 explosives as a cargo or part of a cargo upon a highway unless it carries  
7 electric lanterns or electric flashing signals or reflector type flares as  
8 herein required. Such electric lanterns or electric flashing signals must  
9 be capable of producing a red light and such reflector type flares must be  
10 in good condition capable of reflecting light of an oncoming vehicle at  
11 least five hundred (500) feet and shall be displayed upon the highway  
12 when and as required in this section]

13 (a) Every motor bus and every motor omnibus for the carriage of  
14 passengers for hire except taxicabs and every commercial vehicle or  
15 combination of vehicles and every trailer or semi-trailer designed for the  
16 living quarters or carriage of persons or vehicle towing such trailer or  
17 semi-trailer shall be equipped with at least three (3) red flags of dimen-  
18 sions not less than twelve by twelve (12 x 12) inches with standards to  
19 support such flags and not less than three (3) flares or three (3) red  
20 electric lanterns or three (3) portable red emergency reflectors each of

1 which shall be capable of being seen and distinguished at a dis-  
2 tance of not less than six hundred (600) feet under normal atmos-  
3 pheric conditions at nighttime and at least three (3) red-burning fuses  
4 unless red electric lanterns or red portable reflectors are carried Pro-  
5 vided however That the provisions of this subsection shall not apply  
6 to vehicles operating exclusively within the confines of a municipality  
7 or within a business or residence district

8       (b) Every motor vehicle described in subsection (a) shall be equipped  
9 with an electrical signaling system that in addition to signaling turning  
10 and other vehicle movement as required by section 1012 shall have a  
11 switch or combination of switches that will cause the two (2) front and  
12 two (2) rear signal lamps on the vehicle or combination of vehicles to  
13 flash simultaneously as a vehicular traffic hazard warning as required  
14 by subsections (d) (e) and (f) The system shall be capable of flashing  
15 simultaneously with the ignition of the vehicle turned on or off Every  
16 vehicle drawn or towed by such a motor vehicle except when towed by  
17 an emergency repair or emergency towing vehicle shall be equipped  
18 with two (2) signal lamps on the rear which shall be lighted when the

1 switch or switches referred to herein are actuated

2 (c) No lamp or reflector will comply with subsection (a) and no  
3 switch switches or signal lamps will comply with subsection (b) unless  
4 it be of a type approved by the secretary who shall publish lists of those  
5 lamps and devices which he has approved as adequate for the purposes  
6 of this section

7 (d) Whenever any vehicle or combination of vehicles described in  
8 subsection (a) is disabled upon the traveled portion of any highway or  
9 the shoulder thereof during the time section 801 requires lights to be  
10 displayed on vehicles except where there is sufficient all-night street or  
11 highway lighting provided as such to make the vehicle clearly discernible  
12 to persons on the highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet the  
13 operator or other person in charge thereof shall immediately flash the  
14 two (2) front and two (2) rear signal lamps simultaneously as a vehicular  
15 traffic hazard warning and continue such flashing until he shall have  
16 placed the portable emergency warning devices required by this section  
17 in use on the highway and during the time such devices other than  
18 fusees are being picked up for storage prior to movement of the vehicle  
19 These flashing warning signals may be given at other times during  
20 vehicle disablement in addition to but not in lieu of display of the

1 portable emergency warning devices required by this section While the  
2 four (4) signal lamps are thus flashing a lighted fusee a lighted red  
3 electric lantern or a portable red emergency reflector shall be placed  
4 immediately at the traffic side of the vehicle in the direction of the near-  
5 est approaching traffic Except as otherwise provided in this subsection  
6 as soon thereafter as possible but in any event within the burning period  
7 of the fusees (fifteen (15) minutes) the operator or other person in  
8 charge shall place three (3) liquid-burning flares (pot torches) or three  
9 (3) lighted red electric lanterns or three (3) portable red emergency  
10 reflectors on the traveled portion of the highway in the following order  
11 (1) One (1) approximately one hundred (100) feet from the disabled  
12 vehicle in the center of the lane occupied by such vehicle and toward  
13 traffic approaching in that lane  
14 (2) One (1) approximately one hundred (100) feet in the opposite  
15 direction from the disabled vehicle and in the center of the traffic lane  
16 occupied by such vehicle  
17 (3) One (1) at the traffic side of the disabled vehicle not less than  
18 ten (10) feet rearward or forward thereof in the direction of the nearest  
19 approaching traffic If a lighted red electric lantern or a red portable  
20 emergency reflector has been placed at the traffic side of the vehicle

1 it may be used for this purpose If the disabled vehicle is transporting  
2 explosives or is a cargo tank truck or cargo tank trailer used for the  
3 transportation of any flammable liquid or compressed flammable gas or  
4 is a motor vehicle using compressed gas as a fuel or having a leaking  
5 fuel container the portable emergency warning devices so displayed shall  
6 be either red electric lanterns or portable emergency reflectors Flares  
7 fuses or signals produced by flames shall not be used as warning devices  
8 for such disabled vehicles If the vehicle is disabled within five hundred  
9 (500) feet of a curve hillcrest or other obstruction to view the portable  
10 emergency warning device in that direction shall be so placed as to  
11 afford ample warning to other users of the highway but in no case  
12 less than one hundred (100) feet nor more than five hundred (500) feet  
13 from the disabled vehicle If the vehicle is disabled upon any roadway  
14 of a divided or one-way highway the portable emergency warning devices  
15 shall be placed as follows One (1) at a distance of approximately two  
16 hundred (200) feet from the vehicle in the center of the lane occupied by  
17 the stopped vehicle and in the direction of traffic approaching in that  
18 lane one (1) at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet from  
19 the vehicle in the center of the lane occupied by the vehicle and in the

1 direction of traffic approaching in that lane one (1) at the traffic side  
2 of the vehicle and approximately ten (10) feet from the vehicle in the  
3 direction of the nearest approaching traffic

4 (e) Whenever any vehicle or combination of vehicles described in  
5 subsection (a) is disabled upon the traveled portion of a highway or the  
6 shoulder thereof at any time when the display of lights on vehicles is  
7 not required by section 801 the operator or other person in charge  
8 thereof shall immediately flash the two (2) front and two (2) rear signal  
9 lamps simultaneously as a vehicular traffic hazard warning and continue  
10 such flashing until the vehicle moves again under its own power or is  
11 towed away provided that such signaling is not required during the time  
12 two (2) red flags are displayed upon a roadway outside of a municipality  
13 in the lane of traffic occupied by the disabled vehicle one (1) at a distance  
14 of approximately one hundred (100) feet in advance of the vehicle and  
15 one (1) at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet to the  
16 rear of the vehicle

17 (f) Whenever for any cause other than disablement or necessary  
18 traffic stops any vehicle or combination of vehicles described in subsection  
19 (a) is stopped upon the traveled portion of any highway or shoulder  
20 thereof during the time section 801 requires lights to be displayed

1 on vehicles except where there is sufficient all-night street or high-  
2 way lighting provided as such to make it clearly discernible to per-  
3 sons on the highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet the  
4 operator or other person in charge shall immediately flash the two  
5 (2) front and two (2) rear signal lamps simultaneously as a vehicular  
6 traffic hazard warning signal These flashing warning signals should be  
7 given continually if the stop is not to exceed ten (10) minutes If the  
8 stop is to exceed ten (10) minutes portable emergency warning devices  
9 shall be placed as required by subsection (d) of this section

10 (g) Compliance with the requirements of this section is mandatory  
11 except when the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle des-  
12 cribed in this section receives disabling injury making compliance impos-  
13 sible or when the specific equipment required for warning purposes is  
14 destroyed or damaged beyond the point of performing properly the func-  
15 tion intended provided that such injury destruction or damage occurs  
16 at the time of and in connection with the vehicle disablement or other  
17 emergency stop for which display of warning lights and devices is  
18 required by this section

19 (h) No person shall at any time operate a vehicle transporting

1 explosives as a cargo or part of a cargo upon a highway unless it carries  
2 the required number of red flags red electric lanterns or portable red  
3 emergency reflectors which must be kept in good condition and at all  
4 times be capable of meeting the visibility requirements provided by  
5 subsection (a)

6 (i) No portable red emergency reflector shall be used for the pur-  
7 pose of compliance with the requirements of this section unless it is so  
8 designed and constructed as to include two (2) reflecting elements one  
9 (1) above the other each of which shall be capable of reflecting red  
10 light clearly visible from all distances within six hundred (600) feet to  
11 one hundred (100) feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night  
12 when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps and unless  
13 it has been approved by the secretary as required by subsection (c)

14 Penalty Any owner or operator who shall fail to comply with any  
15 of the provisions of this section shall upon summary conviction before  
16 a magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)  
17 and costs of prosecution and in default of the payment thereof shall  
18 undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days

19 Section 1012 [Signals on Starting Stopping or Turning

20 (a) The driver of any vehicle upon a highway before starting]

1 [stopping or turning from a direct line shall first see that such movement  
2 can be made in safety and if any pedestrian may be affected by such  
3 movement shall give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn and  
4 whenever the operation of any other vehicle approaching or following  
5 may be affected by such movement shall give a signal as required in  
6 this section plainly visible to the driver of such other vehicle of the in-  
7 tention to make such movement

8 (b) The signal herein required shall be given by means of the hand  
9 and arm in the manner herein specified or by an approved mechanical or  
10 electrical signal device of a type which at the time of its use is approved  
11 by the secretary

12 (c) Whenever the signal is given by means of the hand and arm  
13 the driver shall indicate his intention to start stop or turn by extending  
14 the hand and arm horizontally from and beyond the left side of the  
15 vehicle or if he is driving a closed vehicle by his hand and arm in such  
16 a way as to be visible through the window in the rear of the vehicle

17 (d) The secretary is hereby authorized to make rules and regula-  
18 tions not inconsistent with this act for the efficient administration of  
19 this section]

1 [(e) All mechanical or electrical signal devices shall be maintained  
2 at all times in good working order

3 (f) No driver of any vehicle upon a highway shall give a signal  
4 indicating a stop start or turn unless such signal is required by this  
5 act] Signals on Starting Stopping Turning Changing Lanes or Entering  
6 Traffic Stream

7 (a) The driver of any vehicle upon a highway before starting  
8 stopping turning from a direct line moving from one traffic lane to  
9 another or entering the traffic stream from a parked position shall first  
10 see that such movement can be made with safety If any pedestrian may  
11 be affected by such movement a clearly audible signal shall be given by  
12 sounding the horn Before making any such vehicle movement the driver  
13 shall give a plainly visible signal in the manner described in this section  
14 The signal shall be given one hundred (100) feet in advance of and  
15 during the turning movement or a lane change The signal shall be given  
16 prior to movement of the vehicle and prior to and during entry of the  
17 vehicle into the traffic stream from a parked position Stopping signals  
18 shall be given during the time vehicle speed is being reduced by backing

1        (b) The signal to indicate starting turning changing lanes or entry  
2 into the traffic stream from a parked position shall be given by flashing  
3 front and rear signal lamps on or at the side toward which the turn  
4 or other vehicle movement is made The stopping signal shall be given  
5 by lighting steady-burning signal lamps on the rear of the vehicle or  
6 combination of vehicles when the service (foot) brake is applied Signal  
7 lamps shall be lighted by electricity and shall be of a type which at the  
8 time of use is approved by the secretary

9        (c) If required signal lamps do not function or function improperly  
10 due to electrical or mechanical defect the driver shall extend his hand  
11 and arm from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner to  
12 indicate as stated

13        (1) Left turn or other vehicle movement toward left Hand and  
14 arm extended horizontally

15        (2) Right turn or other vehicle movement toward right Hand  
16 and arm extended upward

17        (3) Stop or decrease speed Hand and arm extended downward  
18 When signal lamps are functioning properly hand and arm signals may  
19 be given to supplement but not in lieu of use of signal lamps

20        (d) The secretary is hereby authorized to make rules and regula-

1 tions not inconsistent with this act for the efficient administration of  
2 this section

3 (e) Signal lamps and signaling systems shall be maintained at all  
4 times in good working order

5 (f) No driver of any vehicle upon a highway shall give a signal  
6 indicating a start stop turn lane change or entry into the traffic stream  
7 unless such signal is required by this act

8 Penalty Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection  
9 (a) (b) (c) (e) or (f) of this section shall upon summary conviction before  
10 a magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs  
11 of prosecution and in default of the payment thereof shall undergo  
12 imprisonment for not more than five (5) days

13 Section 5 The provisions of this act shall take effect in thirty days  
14 as to vehicles and tractors initially registered in Pennsylvania after  
15 the effective date of this act As to vehicles and tractors initially regis-  
16 tered in Pennsylvania prior to the effective date of this act the act  
17 shall take effect April 30 1962

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