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# SENATE BILL

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MESSRS. ROONEY AND McCREESH, IN PLACE,  
FEBRUARY 27, 1961.

AS AMENDED ON THIRD READING, IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JULY 19, 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 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

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-

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

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

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

2 Section 801 Required Lighting Equipment

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

16 \* \* \*

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

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

8 Section 3 Subsection (g) section 801 of the act amended November  
9 12 1959 (P L 1499) is amended to read

10 Section 801 Required Lighting Equipment

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12 (g) Commercial Motor Vehicles Trailers Semi-Trailers Buses and  
13 Omnibuses Every commercial motor vehicle HAVING A REGISTERED  
14 CAPACITY GROSS WEIGHT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND (11,000)  
15 POUNDS OR MORE trailer semi-trailer or every motor omnibus or  
16 motor bus except motor buses or motor omnibuses operated entirely  
17 within municipalities when their interiors are illuminated or every com-  
18 bination of vehicles engaged in driveway-towaway operations shall dis-  
19 play lighted lamps at the times mentioned in subsection (a) when and  
20 as required in this section except that such lamps may be but are not

1 required to be lighted when any such vehicle is upon a highway which  
2 is sufficiently illuminated by street lamps to render any person or vehicle  
3 visible at a distance of five hundred (500) feet

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

1        Clearance lamps are not required on a pole trailer or on the rear  
2 of a truck tractor. On driveaway-towaway combinations they are re-  
3 quired only on the front of the towing vehicle and the rear of the rear-  
4 most towed vehicle. So far as is practicable they shall be mounted to in-  
5 diccate the extreme width and height of the vehicle except that on truck  
6 tractors they shall be so located as to indicate the extreme width of the  
7 cab

8        (2) Electric Identification Lamps Front and Rear Every such mo-  
9 tor vehicle trailer or semi-trailer excepting those house trailers mobile-  
10 homes and office trailers which must obtain a special hauling permit under  
11 section 726 of this act for their movement upon a highway within this  
12 Commonwealth or combination of such vehicles having [a length in  
13 excess of thirty (30) feet or] a width [in excess] of eighty (80) inches  
14 [except those which shall be equipped to conform to the regulations  
15 of the Interstate Commerce Commission] or more and every combina-  
16 tion of vehicles engaged in a driveaway-towaway operation having any  
17 vehicle therein eighty (80) inches or more in over-all width shall be  
18 equipped with electric lamps on the front displaying three (3) amber  
19 lights and electric lamps on the rear displaying three (3) red lights [and  
20 the] except as otherwise provided herein. Such lamps are not required

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

1 by another vehicle towed by the truck or in the same combination of  
2 vehicles The requirement for three (3) identification lamps on the  
3 vertical center line of the vehicle will be met as to location by one (1)  
4 lamp on the center line with the other two (2) at right or left

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

1 lamp (or lamps) to be at or near the center or at approximately uniform  
2 spacing in the length of the vehicle The side marker lamp required at  
3 or near the front and the side marker lamp required at or near the rear  
4 shall be mounted as near the top of the vehicle as practicable If any  
5 clearance lamp hereinbefore required displays light visible from a dis-  
6 tance of five hundred (500) feet at right angle to the side of the vehicle  
7 at which it is mounted it shall be deemed to meet the requirement in  
8 this paragraph as to the side marker lamp at that approximate location

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

1 Section 4 The Section heading and subsection (c) section 802 sec-  
2 tions 836 and 1012 of the act are amended to read

3 Section 802 Additional [Permissible] Lights and Devices

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5 (c) Signal Lamps [and Mechanical Signal Devices

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

17 (2) When a vehicle is equipped with a mechanical signal the mecha-  
18 nical signal shall be self-illuminated when in use at the times mentioned in  
19 section 801 and shall be of a type which at the time of its use is approved  
20 by the secretary]

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

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

14 (2) Every motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles shall be  
15 equipped with two (2) signal lamps on the front and two (2) signal  
16 lamps on the rear which when actuated by a switch shall flash on the  
17 side toward which the vehicle moves in turning changing from one  
18 traffic lane to another or entering the traffic stream from a parked posi-  
19 tion Turn signal lamps on or facing the front shall be white amber or

1 any shade of color between white and amber Turn signals on or facing  
2 the rear shall be red yellow amber or any shade of color between red  
3 and yellow Simultaneous flashing of the two (2) front and two (2) rear  
4 signal lamps shall indicate a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual  
5 care in approaching overtaking or passing Signal lamps on every com-  
6 mercial motor vehicle HAVING A REGISTERED CAPACITY  
7 GROSS WEIGHT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND (11,000) POUNDS OR  
8 MORE AND having a width of eighty (80) inches or more trailer  
9 semi-trailer motor omnibus or motor bus shall be Class A Type I  
10 signal lamps On other vehicles they may be Class B signal lamps No  
11 turn signal lamp or lamps shall be used to give courtesy or "do pass"  
12 signals Turn signal lamps shall not be flashed on one side only on a  
13 parked or disabled vehicle

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

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18 Penalty Any person violating any of the provisions of this section  
19 or any person who shall use a warning lamp of the type authorized by  
20 subsection (d) of this section while a vehicle is in motion shall upon

1 summary conviction before a magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of  
2 ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution and in default of the pay-  
3 ment thereof shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5)  
4 days

5 Section 836 Danger and Caution Signals

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

1 [Every such flare lantern electric flashing signal reflector type flare  
2 or other signal shall be of a type approved by the secretary and he  
3 shall publish lists of those devices which he has approved as adequate  
4 for the purposes of this section

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

1 [than three (3) Whenever any such vehicle is disabled during the period  
2 when lighted lamps are not required to be displayed on vehicles and  
3 such vehicle cannot immediately be removed from the main traveled  
4 portion of a highway outside of a business or residence district or when-  
5 ever a vehicle is disabled upon the highway and by reason of contours  
6 or curves in such highway it may constitute a menaco to other vehicular  
7 traffic the operator or other person in charge of such vehicle shall cause  
8 the red flags to be placed upon the highway one (1) at a distance of  
9 approximately one hundred (100) feet in advance of such vehicle and  
10 one (1) at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet to the  
11 rear of the vehicle and the third upon the highway side of the vehicle

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

1       (a) Every motor bus and every motor omnibus for the carriage of  
2 passengers for hire except taxicabs and every commercial vehicle or  
3 combination of vehicles and every trailer or semi-trailer designed for the  
4 living quarters or carriage of persons or vehicle towing such trailer or  
5 semi-trailer shall be equipped with at least three (3) red flags of dimen-  
6 sions not less than twelve by twelve (12 x 12) inches with standards to  
7 support such flags and not less than three (3) flares or three (3) red  
8 electric lanterns or three (3) portable red emergency reflectors each of  
9 which shall be capable of being seen and distinguished at a dis-  
10 tance of not less than six hundred (600) feet under normal atmos-  
11 pheric conditions at nighttime and at least three (3) red-burning fuses  
12 unless red electric lanterns or red portable reflectors are carried Pro-  
13 vided however That the provisions of this subsection shall not apply  
14 to vehicles operating exclusively within the confines of a municipality  
15 or within a business or residence district

16       (b) Every motor vehicle described in subsection (a) shall be equipped  
17 with an electrical signaling system that in addition to signaling turning  
18 and other vehicle movement as required by section 1012 shall have a  
19 switch or combination of switches that will cause the two (2) front and

1 two (2) rear signal lamps on the vehicle or combination of vehicles to  
2 flash simultaneously as a vehicular traffic hazard warning as required  
3 by subsections (d) (e) and (f) The system shall be capable of flashing  
4 simultaneously with the ignition of the vehicle turned on or off Every  
5 vehicle drawn or towed by such a motor vehicle except when towed by  
6 an emergency repair or emergency towing vehicle shall be equipped  
7 with two (2) signal lamps on the rear which shall be lighted when the  
8 switch or switches referred to herein are actuated

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

14 (d) Whenever any vehicle or combination of vehicles described in  
15 subsection (a) is disabled upon the traveled portion of any highway or  
16 the shoulder thereof during the time section 801 requires lights to be  
17 displayed on vehicles except where there is sufficient all-night street or  
18 highway lighting provided as such to make the vehicle clearly discernible  
19 to persons on the highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet the  
20 operator or other person in charge thereof shall immediately flash the

1 two (2) front and two (2) rear signal lamps simultaneously as a vehicular  
2 traffic hazard warning and continue such flashing until he shall have  
3 placed the portable emergency warning devices required by this section  
4 in use on the highway and during the time such devices other than  
5 fusees are being picked up for storage prior to movement of the vehicle  
6 These flashing warning signals may be given at other times during  
7 vehicle disablement in addition to but not in lieu of display of the  
8 portable emergency warning devices required by this section While the  
9 four (4) signal lamps are thus flashing a lighted fusee a lighted red  
10 electric lantern or a portable red emergency reflector shall be placed  
11 immediately at the traffic side of the vehicle in the direction of the near-  
12 est approaching traffic Except as otherwise provided in this subsection  
13 as soon thereafter as possible but in any event within the burning period  
14 of the fusees (fifteen (15) minutes) the operator or other person in  
15 charge shall place three (3) liquid-burning flares (pot torches) or three  
16 (3) lighted red electric lanterns or three (3) portable red emergency  
17 reflectors on the traveled portion of the highway in the following order  
18 (1) One (1) approximately one hundred (100) feet from the disabled  
19 vehicle in the center of the lane occupied by such vehicle and toward  
20 traffic approaching in that lane

1       (2) One (1) approximately one hundred (100) feet in the opposite  
2 direction from the disabled vehicle and in the center of the traffic lane  
3 occupied by such vehicle

4       (3) One (1) at the traffic side of the disabled vehicle not less than  
5 ten (10) feet rearward or forward thereof in the direction of the nearest  
6 approaching traffic If a lighted red electric lantern or a red portable  
7 emergency reflector has been placed at the traffic side of the vehicle  
8 it may be used for this purpose If the disabled vehicle is transporting  
9 explosives or is a cargo tank truck or cargo tank trailer used for the  
10 transportation of any flammable liquid or compressed flammable gas or  
11 is a motor vehicle using compressed gas as a fuel or having a leaking  
12 fuel container the portable emergency warning devices so displayed shall  
13 be either red electric lanterns or portable emergency reflectors Flares  
14 fuses or signals produced by flames shall not be used as warning devices  
15 for such disabled vehicles If the vehicle is disabled within five hundred  
16 (500) feet of a curve hillcrest or other obstruction to view the portable  
17 emergency warning device in that direction shall be so placed as to  
18 afford ample warning to other users of the highway but in no case  
19 less than one hundred (100) feet nor more than five hundred (500) feet

1 from the disabled vehicle If the vehicle is disabled upon any roadway  
2 of a divided or one-way highway the portable emergency warning devices  
3 shall be placed as follows One (1) at a distance of approximately two  
4 hundred (200) feet from the vehicle in the center of the lane occupied by  
5 the stopped vehicle and in the direction of traffic approaching in that  
6 lane one (1) at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet from  
7 the vehicle in the center of the lane occupied by the vehicle and in the  
8 direction of traffic approaching in that lane one (1) at the traffic side  
9 of the vehicle and approximately ten (10) feet from the vehicle in the  
10 direction of the nearest approaching traffic

11 (c) Whenever any vehicle or combination of vehicles described in  
12 subsection (a) is disabled upon the traveled portion of a highway or the  
13 shoulder thereof at any time when the display of lights on vehicles is  
14 not required by section 501 the operator or other person in charge  
15 thereof shall immediately flash the two (2) front and two (2) rear signal  
16 lamps simultaneously as a vehicular traffic hazard warning and continue  
17 such flashing until the vehicle moves again under its own power or is  
18 towed away provided that such signaling is not required during the time  
19 two (2) red flags are displayed upon a roadway outside of a municipality  
20 in the lane of traffic occupied by the disabled vehicle one (1) at a distance

1 of approximately one hundred (100) feet in advance of the vehicle and  
2 one (1) at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet to the  
3 rear of the vehicle

4 (f) Whenever for any cause other than disablement or necessary  
5 traffic stops any vehicle or combination of vehicles described in subsection  
6 (a) is stopped upon the traveled portion of any highway or shoulder  
7 thereof during the time section 801 requires lights to be displayed  
8 on vehicles except where there is sufficient all-night street or high-  
9 way lighting provided as such to make it clearly discernible to per-  
10 sons on the highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet the  
11 operator or other person in charge shall immediately flash the two  
12 (2) front and two (2) rear signal lamps simultaneously as a vehicular  
13 traffic hazard warning signal These flashing warning signals should be  
14 given continually if the stop is not to exceed ten (10) minutes If the  
15 stop is to exceed ten (10) minutes portable emergency warning devices  
16 shall be placed as required by subsection (d) of this section

17 (g) Compliance with the requirements of this section is mandatory  
18 except when the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle de-  
19 scribed in this section receives disabling injury making compliance impos-

1 sible or when the specific equipment required for warning purposes is  
2 destroyed or damaged beyond the point of performing properly the func-  
3 tion intended provided that such injury destruction or damage occurs  
4 at the time of and in connection with the vehicle disablement or other  
5 emergency stop for which display of warning lights and devices is  
6 required by this section

7 (h) No person shall at any time operate a vehicle transporting  
8 explosives as a cargo or part of a cargo upon a highway unless it carries  
9 the required number of red flags red electric lanterns or portable red  
10 emergency reflectors which must be kept in good condition and at all  
11 times be capable of meeting the visibility requirements provided by  
12 subsection (a)

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

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

6 Section 1012 [Signals on Starting Stopping or Turning

7 (a) The driver of any vehicle upon a highway before starting  
8 stopping or turning from a direct line shall first see that such movement  
9 can be made in safety and if any pedestrian may be affected by such  
10 movement shall give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn and  
11 whenever the operation of any other vehicle approaching or following  
12 may be affected by such movement shall give a signal as required in  
13 this section plainly visible to the driver of such other vehicle of the in-  
14 tention to make such movement

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

19 (c) Whenever the signal is given by means of the hand and arm]

1 [the driver shall indicate his intention to start stop or turn by extending  
2 the hand and arm horizontally from and beyond the left side of the  
3 vehicle or if he is driving a closed vehicle by his hand and arm in such  
4 a way as to be visible through the window in the rear of the vehicle

5 (d) The secretary is hereby authorized to make rules and regula-  
6 tions not inconsistent with this act for the efficient administration of  
7 this section

8 (e) All mechanical or electrical signal devices shall be maintained  
9 at all times in good working order

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

14 (a) The driver of any vehicle upon a highway before starting  
15 stopping turning from a direct line moving from one traffic lane to  
16 another or entering the traffic stream from a parked position shall first  
17 see that such movement can be made with safety If any pedestrian may  
18 be affected by such movement a clearly audible signal shall be given by  
19 sounding the horn Before making any such vehicle movement the driver

1 shall give a plainly visible signal in the manner described in this section  
2 The signal shall be given one hundred (100) feet in advance of and  
3 during the turning movement or a lane change The signal shall be given  
4 prior to movement of the vehicle and prior to and during entry of the  
5 vehicle into the traffic stream from a parked position Stopping signals  
6 shall be given during the time vehicle speed is being reduced by braking

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

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

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

1       (2) Right turn or other vehicle movement toward right hand  
2       and arm extended upward

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

6       (d) The secretary is hereby authorized to make rules and regula-  
7       tions not inconsistent with this act for the efficient administration of  
8       this section

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

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

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

19       Section 5 The provisions of this act shall take effect in thirty days  
20       as to vehicles and tractors initially registered in Pennsylvania after

- 1 the effective date of this act As to vehicles and tractors initially regis-
- 2 tered in Pennsylvania prior to the effective date of this act the act
- 3 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. 1962

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 Governor