

No. 653

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 regulating school bus lighting equipment.

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

The Vehicle Code.

Section 1. Clause (9) of subsection (b) of section 840, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Clause (9), subsection (b), section 840, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, amended.

Section 840. School Buses; Safety Requirements.—

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(b) No person shall own or operate a school bus carrying school children on the highways of this Commonwealth that, in addition to the other requirements of this act, does not conform with the following:

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(9) Every school bus, *originally titled in Pennsylvania prior to the effective date of this amending act*, shall, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this act, be equipped with one (1) signal lamp visible from the front and one (1) other visible from the rear, each showing a flashing red light. *Every school bus, originally titled in Pennsylvania on or after the effective date of this amending act, shall, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this act, be equipped with two alternately flashing signal lamps visible from the front and two alternately flashing signal lamps visible from the rear, each showing a flashing red light.* Each lamp shall be mounted as high as practicable upon the body of the bus. Each such additional device shall be plainly visible to operators of approaching vehicles in normal sunlight and at night from a distance of one hundred (100) feet to the front or rear, as the case may be, shall not project a glaring light, and shall be of types approved by the secretary.

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APPROVED—The 10th day of December, A. D. 1959.

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* "shall" omitted in original.