

No. 119

AN ACT

SB 687

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), 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 signal lamps.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 802, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended September 16, 1961 (P.L.1373, No.612), August 26, 1965 (P.L.382, No.198) and July 22, 1970 (P.L.590, No.198), is amended to read:

Section 802. Additional Lights and Devices.—

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(c) Signal Lamps.—Every motor vehicle and every combination of vehicles, except fertilizer trailers manufactured before January 1, 1969, shall be equipped with signal lamps as follows:

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

(2) Every motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles shall be equipped with two (2) signal lamps on the front and two (2) signal lamps on the rear which, when actuated by a switch, shall flash on the side toward which the vehicle moves in turning, changing from one traffic lane to another, or entering the traffic stream from a parked position. Turn signal lamps on or facing the front shall be white, amber or any shade of color between white and amber. Turn signals on or facing the rear shall be red, yellow, amber or any shade of color between red and yellow. Simultaneous flashing of two (2) front and two (2) rear signal lamps shall indicate a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing. Signal lamps on every commercial motor vehicle having a registered capacity gross weight of eleven thousand (11,000) pounds or more and having a width of eighty (80) inches or more, trailer, semi-trailer, motor omnibus or motor bus shall be Class A Type I signal lamps. On other vehicles they may be Class B signal lamps. No turn signal

lamp or lamps shall be used to give courtesy or "do pass" signals. Turn signal lamps shall not be flashed on one side only on a parked or disabled vehicle.

(3) [When a vehicle is equipped with an electrical signal device, such device shall be of a type which at the time of its use is approved by the secretary.] *Simultaneous flashing of the two (2) front and two (2) rear signal lamps shall indicate a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing. The operator of a vehicle equipped with simultaneous flashing signals shall use such signals when the vehicle is stopped or disabled on a public highway, except when such vehicle is stopped in compliance with a traffic control device or when legally parked. The requirement of this clause in no way supersedes or replaces the requirements of subsections (d) and (g) of section 836, and operators of vehicles complying with subsections (d) and (g) of section 836 shall not be prosecuted for failure to comply with the requirements of this clause.*

(4) *The operator of a vehicle equipped with simultaneous flashing signals shall use such signals when the vehicle is unable to maintain a speed of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.*

(5) *The operator of a vehicle equipped with simultaneous flashing signals shall use such signals when the vehicle is unable to comply with an established minimum speed of forty (40) miles per hour as provided for in subsection (g) of section 1002.*

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

APPROVED—The 28th day of November, A. D. 1973.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 119.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.