

and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of One (\$1.00) dollar to Fifty (\$50.00) dollars or by imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year, or by both. In case of any violation of any provision or provisions of this section by any common carrier or person operating under a permit issued by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, said permit shall either be revoked, or, in the discretion of said Commission, suspended until said provision or provisions are complied with to the satisfaction of said Commission.

240. TRUCKS TO CARRY FLARES OR SIMILAR DEVICES. (a) No person shall operate any vehicle, except taxicabs or private passenger or commercial motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles for hire whose gross weight of vehicle and load capacity is not more than 8500 lbs., upon the highways of this State, outside of a business or residence district at any time there is insufficient daylight to make substantial objects visible at a distance of three hundred feet, unless there shall be carried in such vehicle a sufficient number of flares, not less than three, or electric lanterns or other signals capable of continuously producing a brilliant warning light for eight hours except that a vehicle transporting inflammable material may carry red reflectors in place of the other signals above mentioned. Every such flare, lantern, signal, or reflector shall be of a type approved by the Department and it shall publish lists of those devices approved as adequate for the purposes of this section.

(b) Whenever any vehicle described in sub-section (a), or its lighting equipment is disabled during the period when lighted lamps must be displayed on vehicles and such vehicle cannot immediately be removed from the main travelled portion of a highway outside of a business or residence district, or when any disabled vehicle described in sub-section (a) is parked on the highway in such position near the crest of a hill or curve as to create danger to other users of the highway, the driver or other person in charge of such vehicle shall immediately cause such flares, lanterns, or other signals to be lighted and placed upon the highway one at a distance of approximately 100 feet in advance of such vehicle, one at a distance of approximately 100 feet to the rear of such vehicle, and the third upon the roadway side of such vehicle, except that if the vehicle is transporting inflammables, three brilliant red reflectors in lieu of other signals, shall be placed adjacent to any such last mentioned vehicle.

(c) No person shall at any time operate a vehicle transporting explosives as a cargo or part of a cargo upon a highway unless it carries flares or electric lanterns as herein required, but such flares or electric lanterns must be capable of pro-