Licenses. 2009

Brakes, Bells, Lights and Mufflers.

An. Code, sec. 148. 1916, ch. 687. 1917, ch. 20. 1918, ch. 85, sec. 148. 1920, ch. 506, sec. 148

- 193. (1) Brakes. Every motor vehicle, except trailers and side cars, while in use on the public highways of this State, shall be provided with adequate brakes.
- (2) Horns. Every such motor vehicle shall be equipped with a suitable bell, horn or other signalling device producing an abrupt sound sufficiently loud to serve as an adequate warning of danger, but no person operating any motor vehicle shall make or cause to be made any unnecessary noise with such bell, horn or signalling device, or use the same except as a warning of danger, and such signalling device shall not be sounded while passing a horse or other animal in the open country. Within the limits of cities, towns and villages, loud sounding signalling devices shall not be used during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, unless absolutely necessary to avoid accidents. An adequate signalling device shall in all cases be sounded on approaching curves, tops of hills and intersecting highways in the open country where the operator's view is obstructed.
- (2-A) Mirrors. Every commercial motor vehicle not equipped with pneumatic tires, and every commercial motor vehicle so constructed or loaded that the operator is prevented from having a free and unobstructed view of the highway immediately to the rear and at the sides of the same, shall be equipped with a mirror or reflector attached to and so located and adjusted on such vehicle as to give the operator thereof a clear reflected view of the highway to the rear of such vehicle. It shall be the duty of the owner of such motor vehicle to equip the same with a mirror or reflector as aforesaid and see that the same is maintained on such vehicle, and of the operator thereof at all times to see that such mirror or reflector is kept in proper adjustment as aforesaid. The failure of either to do as above required shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$50.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense.
- (3) Lights. Every vehicle, including motor vehicles and horse drawn vehicles, operated or driven on the public highways of the State, at any time when there is not sufficient daylight to render clearly discernible a person, vehicle or other substantial object on the highway at a distance of two hundred (200) feet ahead, shall be provided with lighting facilities of sufficient power and so adjusted and operated as to enable the operator or driver to proceed with safety to himself and other users of the highways under all conditions of light, road and weather; provided, however, that the following classes of vehicles shall display under the above conditions not less than the light next specified, to wit:
- (a) Motor vehicles, other than the specific classes hereinafter enumerated, two white or tinted lights, other than red, of approximately equal candle power mounted on opposite sides and visible from the front, and one red light visible from the rear;