

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 245, 246, 252 and 253 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

245. (Multiple-Beam Road Lighting Equipment.) Except as hereinafter provided, the head-lamps, or the auxiliary driving lamps, or combinations thereof, on motor vehicles shall be so arranged that [the driver may select at will] *selection may be made* between distributions of light projected to different elevations, subject to the following requirements and limitations:

(a) There shall be an uppermost distribution of light, or composite beam, so aimed and of such intensity as to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least [300] 350 feet ahead for all conditions of loading. [The maximum intensity of this uppermost distribution of light or composite beam 1 degree of arc or more above the horizontal level of the lamps when the vehicle is not loaded shall not exceed 8,000 apparent candle power, and at no other point of the distribution of light or composite beam shall there be an intensity of more than 75,000 apparent candlepower.]

(b) There shall be a lowermost distribution of light, or composite beam, so aimed [that:] *and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead; and under any condition of loading none of the high-intensity portion of the beam shall be directed to strike the eyes of an approaching driver.*

[(1) When the vehicle is not loaded, none of the high intensity portion of the light which is directed to the left of the prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle shall, at a distance of 25 feet ahead, project higher than a level of 10 inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes.

(2) When the vehicle is not loaded, none of the high intensity portion of the light which is directed to the right of the prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle shall, at a distance of 25 feet ahead, project higher than a level of 5 inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes.

(3) In no event shall any of the high intensity of such lowermost distribution of light or composite beam project higher than a level of 42 inches above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of 75 feet ahead.