

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 100

(House Bill 62)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 287 (c) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", subtitle "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways"; and to add new Section 287A to the said Article and subtitle of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 287 thereof, to permit the use of flashing warning signal assemblies on the motor vehicles of rural letter carriers, to authorize the issuance of permits for such assemblies and to regulate the use and installation of such assemblies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 287(c) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", subtitle "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Section 287A be and it is hereby added to the said Article and subtitle of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 287 thereof, and all to read as follows:

287(c).

Flashing lights are prohibited on motor vehicles, except as a means of indicating a right or left turn, *and except as authorized by Section 287A herein*, but this section shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles.

287A.

(a). *Any rural letter carrier's motor vehicle may be equipped with lamps which may be used for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking and passing, and when so equipped, may display such warning in addition to any other warning signals required by law.*

(b). *The assembly of warning shall include the following specifications: (1) Two (2) bi-directional lights mounted at each side of the vehicle upon the roof, with two (2) amber lenses facing the rear, and two (2) amber lenses facing the front. Each light shall not be less than four (4) inches in diameter and powered by not less than a twenty-one (21) candle power bulb with reflectorization sufficient to assure visibility for at least five hundred (500) feet, in front and to the rear of the vehicle. Such light shall be wired with one "on-off"*