

CHAPTER 458

(Senate Bill 550)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 273 (a), (b), (c) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitles "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," providing an increase in the number of rear lamps that are required on every motor vehicle. EXCEPT MOTORCYCLES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 273 (a), (b), (c) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

273.

(a) Rear [lamp] lamps—Required. Every motor vehicle and every vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles shall be equipped with [a rear lamp,] *two rear lamps*, exhibiting [a] red [light] *lights* plainly visible from a distance of 300 feet to the rear. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, MOTORCYCLES SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST ONE RED LIGHT PLAINLY VISIBLE FROM A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET TO THE REAR.

(b) Same—Adequacy. Either such rear [lamp] OR *lamps* or a separate lamp shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration plate and render it clearly legible from a distance of 25 feet to the rear. When the rear license plate is illuminated by an electric lamp other than the required rear [lamp,] OR *lamps*, said two lamps shall be turned on or off only by the same switch that controls the head lamps.

(c) Reflectors—On what vehicles required. Every vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, including devices moved by muscular power, hereafter operated on a highway shall carry at the rear, either as a part of the rear [lamp] OR *lamps* or separately, a red reflector meeting the requirements of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1970.

Approved May 2, 1969.

CHAPTER 459

(Senate Bill 560)

AN ACT to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Harford County, from time to time, to borrow not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in order to finance the building, expansion and other forms of capital improvements for Harford