

*any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person, or which does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required in this subtitle or which is equipped in any manner in violation of this subtitle, or for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required under this subtitle.*

*(b) Nothing contained in this subtitle shall be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts and accessories on any vehicle not inconsistent with the provision of this subtitle.*

*(c) The provisions of this subtitle with respect to equipment on vehicles shall not apply to implements of husbandry, road, machinery, road rollers, or farm tractors except as herein made applicable.*

§ 12-102. *Authority of commissioner.*

*(a) The commissioner shall approve or disapprove any lighting device or other motor vehicle safety equipment components and/or assemblies, of a type on which approval is specifically required in this subtitle, within a reasonable time after approval has been requested. The approvals may be based upon certificates of approval furnished to the commissioner by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.*

*(b) The commissioner may set up the procedure to be followed when request for approval of any lighting device or other motor vehicle safety equipment component and/or assembly is submitted. The procedure may provide for submission of such devices, components, and/or assemblies to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators in lieu of submission of the device, component, and/or assembly to the commissioner.*

*(c) The commissioner shall maintain and publish lists of all these devices, components, and/or assemblies which have been approved by him under authority contained in this subtitle.*

§ 12-103. *Continued effectiveness of certain provisions of former Article 66½.*

*By providing as to any requirement under this subtitle an effective date subsequent to the effective date of this entire article, and by repealing former Article 66½ as the same was previously in effect, it was not intended to repeal or suspend the operation and effectiveness of any similar or identical requirement which had been in effect under the former Article 66½. The commissioner may prescribe those requirements in effect under former Article 66½ which shall continue to be required until the later effective date of a similar or identical requirement under this subtitle.*

§ 12-104. *Unlawful to remove or alter safety device or equipment.*

*No person shall wilfully or intentionally remove or alter any safety device or equipment which has been placed upon any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer in compliance with any law, rule, regulation, or requirement of any officer or agency of the United States or of this State, if it is intended that the vehicle be operated upon the highways of this State, unless such removal or alteration is permitted by rule or regulation promulgated by the commissioner.*