

*Part II—Lamps and Other Lighting Equipment***§ 12-201.** *When lighted lamps are required.*

Every vehicle upon a highway within this State at any time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead shall display lighted lamps and illuminating devices as hereinafter respectively required for different classes of vehicles, subject to exceptions with respect to parked vehicles, and further that stop lights, turn signals, and other signaling devices shall be lighted as prescribed for the use of these devices.

§ 12-202. *Visibility distance and mounted height of lamps.*

(a) Whenever requirement is hereinafter declared as to distance from which certain lamps and devices shall render objects visible or within which the lamps or devices shall be visible, these provisions shall apply during the times stated in section 12-201 in respect to a vehicle without load when upon a straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions unless a different time or condition is expressly stated.

(b) Whenever requirement is hereinafter declared as to the mounted height of lamps or devices it shall mean from the center of the lamp or device to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load.

§ 12-203. *Head lamps on motor vehicles.*

(a) Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle shall be equipped with at least two head lamps with at least one on each side of the front of the motor vehicle, which head lamps shall emit white light and comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in this subtitle.

(b) Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two head lamps which comply with the requirements and limitations of this subtitle.

(c) Every head lamp upon every motor vehicle, including every motorcycle, shall be located at a height, measured from the center of the head lamp, of not more than 54 inches nor less than 24 inches, to be measured as set forth in section 12-202(b).

§ 12-204. *Tail lamps; illumination of rear registration plate.*

(a) After June 1, 1971, every motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, and pole trailer, and any other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles, shall be equipped with at least two tail lamps mounted on the rear, which, when lighted as required in section 12-201, shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 1,000 feet to the rear, except that (1) motor vehicles manufactured or assembled prior to said date, and all motorcycles, shall have at least one tail lamp, and (2) the red light emitted from the tail lamps of motor vehicles (including motorcycles) manufactured or assembled prior to that date need to be plainly visible only from a distance of 300 feet to the rear. On a combination of vehicles, only the tail lamps on the rearmost vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified. On vehicles equipped with more than one tail lamp,