

*of this section shall not apply to pole trailers or to vehicles where the installation of the required frame would prevent operation of the vehicle to secure its designed use.*

§ 12-412. *Seat belts required.*

*(a) Every motor vehicle registered in the State and manufactured or assembled after June 1, 1964, shall be equipped with two sets of seat belts on the front seat of the vehicle. Every motor vehicle registered in the State and manufactured or assembled with a rear seat after June 1, 1969, shall be equipped with two sets of seat belts on the rear seat of the vehicle. It shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale any vehicle in violation of this section.*

*(b) For the purpose of this section only, "motor vehicle" does not include any motorcycle or bus, truck or taxicab.*

*(c) For the purpose of this section only, "seat belt" means any belt, strap, harness, or like device. No seat belt shall be sold or offered for sale for use in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle in this state after June 1, 1964, unless it meets the current standards and specifications of the Society of Automotive Engineers applicable to these belts or other standard prescribed by the commissioner.*

§ 12-412.1. *Seat belts and other equipment for vehicles used by nursery schools, camps, etc.*

*Every motor vehicle used by nursery schools, camps, day nurseries or day care centers for retarded children to transport children which is not regulated as a "school bus" under this Article, shall be equipped with seat belts for each seat and shall be subject to such other regulations as may be prescribed by the Department.*

§ 12-413. *Protectors or flaps behind rear wheels of vehicles.*

*(a) No person shall operate, cause, or permit to be operated on the highways of this State any motor vehicle or combination of a motor vehicle and one or more other vehicles unless the vehicle or combination is equipped with suitable protectors or substantial flexible flaps behind the rearmost wheels of the vehicle or combination. The protectors or flaps shall be of sufficient size to prevent the projection of rocks, dirt, water, or other substance to the rear and to minimize side spray.*

*(b) The protectors or flaps shall be mounted not more than 12 inches to the rear of the rearmost part of the tire on the wheel being protected. They shall have a vertical ground clearance under all conditions of loading of not more than 6 inches. The protector or flap shall extend laterally at least the width of the tire being protected.*

*(c) The protectors or flaps shall be mounted so as not to swing rearward more than 30 degrees from the vertical plane of the protector or flap. Mounting may be in a manner to prevent damage to the protector or flaps during any change in body position of the vehicle.*