

land (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Equipment of Vehicles," subheading "Part IV. Other Equipment," be and it is hereby repealed, and that new Section 12-413 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, all to read as follows:

12-413.

[(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.

(d) This section shall not apply to any farm tractor, to any vehicle which by design, body construction, fender, or other means of enclosure prevents the projection of such substances substantially to the extent that such protectors or flaps would, or to any vehicle where complete freedom about the wheel is necessary to secure the designed use of the vehicle.]

*(a) No person shall operate, cause, or permit to be operated any bus or commercial motor vehicle, including ~~semi-trailer~~ SEMI-TRAILERS and trailers, upon the highways of this state unless it is equipped with suitable metal protectors or substantial flexible flaps behind the rear-most wheels of the vehicle or combination to prevent the projection of rocks, dirt, water or other substances to the rear and to minimize side spray.*

*(b) The protectors or flaps shall have a ground clearance of not more than one-third of the horizontal distance from the bottom edge of the protector or flap to the center line of the axle, provided, however, that no protector or flap need be closer to the ground than six inches under any condition of loading. The protector or flap shall extend laterally at least the width of the tire or tires being protected.*

*(c) If any bus or commercial motor vehicle, including semi-trailers and trailers, is so designed or constructed that the objectives in subsection (a) of the section are accomplished by reason of fender or body construction or other means of enclosure, either permanent or temporary, then the requirements of this section have been satisfied.*

*(d) This section shall not apply to any farm tractor or to any vehicle registered as a farm truck or to uncoupled truck tractors*