

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

22-228.

(a) (1) The Administrator may adopt rules, regulations, and standards for lighting equipment, special warning devices, markings, and identification to be used by school vehicles.

(2) (I) ~~THE-----ADMINISTRATOR---SHALL---ADOPT---RULES, REGULATIONS,---AND---STANDARDS---THAT---REQUIRE---SCHOOL---VEHICLES REGISTERED--IN-THE-STATE-OF-MARYLAND-TO~~ A SCHOOL VEHICLE SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH AN 8 LAMP SYSTEM OF ALTERNATELY FLASHING SIGNAL LAMPS.

(II) THE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT OF THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO:

1. ANY SCHOOL VEHICLE MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY, 1985, THAT IS REGISTERED IN THIS STATE; AND

2. ANY SCHOOL VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THIS STATE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1994, REGARDLESS OF ITS DATE OF MANUFACTURE.

~~(III)~~ (III) THE 8 LAMP SAFETY SYSTEM OF ALTERNATELY FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS SHALL MEET THE STANDARDS CONTAINED IN THE SAE (SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS) STANDARD J887 (MAY 1982), AND SHALL CONSIST OF 2 AMBER LAMPS AND 2 RED LAMPS AT THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE, AND 2 AMBER LAMPS AND 2 RED LAMPS AT THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE.

[(2)] (3) These rules, regulations, and standards may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

[(3)] (4) School vehicles shall be marked and identified as provided in and school vehicle lighting equipment and special warning devices shall conform with the rules, regulations, and standards adopted by the Administrator.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.

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