

(a) If any Class A (passenger) vehicle, any Class E 1/2 or 3/4 ton truck, or any Class M (multipurpose) vehicle has been altered in any manner that would reduce the effectiveness of its bumpers or render the vehicle dangerous in the event of a collision with another vehicle, it may not be operated on any highway in this State. The Motor Vehicle Administration and the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Police jointly shall adopt rules and regulations relating to bumpers as used in this section.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person may not operate on any highway in the State[:

(1) A] A Class A (passenger) vehicle with a bumper that exceeds a height of 20 inches[; or].

[(2) A] (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE ON ANY HIGHWAY IN THE STATE A Class E 1/2 or 3/4 ton truck or a Class M (multipurpose) vehicle with a bumper that exceeds a height of 28 inches.

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(a) [(1) After] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AFTER June 1, 1971, every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, and any other vehicle that 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 § 22-201.1 of this subtitle, shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 1,000 feet to the rear[, except that:

(i) Motor vehicles manufactured or assembled before that date, and all motorcycles, shall have at least one tail lamp; and

(ii) The red light emitted from the tail lamps of motor vehicles (including motorcycles) manufactured or assembled before that date need to be plainly visible only from a distance of 300 feet to the rear].

(B) EVERY MOTOR VEHICLE, TRAILER, SEMITRAILER, AND POLE TRAILER, AND ANY OTHER VEHICLE THAT IS BEING DRAWN AT THE END OF A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES, AND THAT WAS MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BEFORE JUNE 1, 1971, SHALL HAVE AT LEAST 1 TAIL LAMP MOUNTED ON THE REAR WHICH WHEN LIGHTED AS REQUIRED IN § 22-201.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL EMIT A RED LIGHT PLAINLY VISIBLE FROM A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 300 FEET TO THE REAR.

[(2)] (C) On a combination of vehicles, only the tail lamps on the rearmost vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION.