

(b) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer registered in this State and sold as a new vehicle after June 1, 1961, shall be equipped with electric turn signal lamps meeting the requirements of § 22-219(b) through (h) of this subtitle, except that:

(1) Motorcycles need not be equipped with electric turn signal lamps; and

(2) The requirements of this section apply only to those trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers that are registered in this State and sold as new vehicles on or after July 1, 1971.

(C) ANY SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT THAT IS BEING TOWED SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST 2 STOP LAMPS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 22-219(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND ELECTRIC TURN SIGNALS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 22-219(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE IF THE SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT:

(1) OBSTRUCTS THE TAIL LAMPS, STOP LAMPS, TURN SIGNALS, OR EXCEPT FOR THE REGISTRATION PLATE LAMP, ANY LAMP OF THE TOWING VEHICLE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE VISIBLE FROM THE REAR; OR

(2) EXTENDS MORE THAN 12 FEET FROM THE REAR OF THE TOWING VEHICLE.

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(d) (1) Every trailer and semitrailer equipped with a towbar AND ANY SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT BEING TOWED shall be coupled directly to the frame of the towing vehicle with one or more safety or "stay" chains or cables. Attachment to the pintle hook does not meet this requirement.

(2) No more slack may be left in these chains or cables than is needed for proper turning.

(3) These chains or cables shall be connected to the towed and towing vehicle and to the towbar to prevent the towbar from dropping to the ground if it fails.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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