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No. 408

S. P. 255

In Senate, February 4, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Libby of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicles to be Equipped with Lights, Reflectors and Specifications.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 29, § 82, amended. Section 82 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by repealing the third paragraph thereof; and by amending the 5th paragraph thereof to read as follows:

'All motor vehicles of 7 feet or over in width shall have thereon, in addition to the lights required by law for vehicles of less width, a green or two amber lights, one attached to the extreme left and one attached to the extreme right of the front of such vehicle as high as possible, and so attached and adjusted as to indicate the extreme left and right lateral extensions of the vehicle or load which shall in all cases aforesaid be visible not less than 200 feet in the direction towards which the vehicle is proceeding or facing; provided however that any and every such motor vehicle having a closed body eight feet or more in height shall display 2 such green or amber red lights attached to the extreme left of the front of its body as above provided, one at the top and the other at the bottom of said body; and every such motor vehicle shall display at least one red light

on the extreme left lateral extension of the vehicle or load on the rear of said vehicle; provided, however, that any such vehicle having a closed body 8 feet or more in height shall display a red light on the extreme upper left lateral extension of its body. On the extreme rear upper left and right hand lateral extensions of its body or load. Motor vehicles requiring a light hereunder may, in lieu of such light, be equipped with an adequate reflector conforming as to color and marginal location to the requirements for such light. Every motor vehicle and every trailer shall be equipped with at least one adequate reflector securely attached to the rear thereof. Such reflector may be a part of the rear lamp and shall in all cases be red. No reflector shall be deemed adequate unless it is so designed, located and maintained as to reflect at night on an unlighted highway, for at least 200 feet, the lawful undimmed head-lights of a vehicle approaching from the rear thereof, provided, however, that this act shall not become effective until November 1, 1937.

Every passenger motor vehicle shall be equipped with at least one adequate reflector securely attached to the rear thereof, and every motor truck, semi-trailer and trailer shall be equipped with at least 2 adequate reflectors securely attached to the rear thereof and mounted one at each side to indicate the extreme width. Such reflector may be a part of the rear lamp, and in all cases such reflector or reflectors shall be red. Each tractor shall have mounted an amber light on the left and right hand side of the cab roof. In addition to the above there shall be installed on each side at or near the front of the body an amber reflector and on each side at or near the rear of the body a red reflector, this installation to be installed on all trucks, semi-trailers and trailers 7 feet or over in width.'