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H. P. 134

House of Representatives, January 20, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing for Flares, etc., for Large Trucks.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 138, amended. Section 138 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 138. Trucks being 7 feet or more in width to carry flares. No person shall operate or cause to be operated upon the highways of the State any truck or truck tractor ~~having a gross weight in excess of 15,000 pounds~~ **being 7 feet or more in width** unless equipped with 2 red flags, and in addition thereto 3 flares, 3 red lanterns or 3 red emergency reflectors; except that in the case of vehicles used for transportation of inflammable liquids or gas in bulk, such equipment shall consist of 2 red flags, and in addition thereto 3 red electric lanterns or 3 red emergency reflectors.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 139, amended. Section 139 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 139. Use of flares, lanterns and reflectors. Whenever any motor truck or truck tractor ~~having a gross weight in excess of 15,000 pounds~~ **being 7 feet or more in width** is disabled upon the traveled portion of the highway or shoulder next thereto, the operator thereof shall, during the time that lights are required, place 3 lighted flares or 3 red lanterns or 3 emergency reflectors on the roadway as follows: 1 flare or 1 lantern or 1 red emergency reflector in the center of the lane of traffic occupied by said disabled motor vehicle not less than 100 feet distant therefrom in the direction of traffic approaching in that lane, 1 flare or red lantern or 1 red emergency reflector not less than 100 feet from such

vehicle in the center of said lane in the opposite direction and 1 flare or 1 red lantern or 1 red emergency reflector at the traffic side of such vehicle not closer than 10 feet from the front or rear thereof; except that if such vehicle shall be a vehicle used for the transportation of inflammable liquids or gas in bulk, only red electric lanterns or red emergency reflectors shall be placed as above provided. During such time as lights are not required, red flags shall be used in place of flares, lanterns or reflectors as above specified, except that no flag shall be required to be placed at the side of the vehicle.'