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dollar shall not be required at any time for the purposes intended in the six preceding paragraphs, the excess shall be deemed to be general revenue of the state, available for appropriation by the legislature as it shall determine.'

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## Chapter 285.

An Act Relating to an Amber Light on Motor Vehicles Which Are Seven Feet in Width or Over.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 68; as amended; relating to motor vehicles to be equipped with lights and lamps, further amended. Section sixty-eight of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: 'Every motor vehicle of seven feet or over in width shall have thereon at the extreme left on the body, one amber lamp visible for a distance of at least two hundred feet ahead of such vehicle. 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,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 68. Motor vehicles of seven feet or over in width shall have amber lamp or reflector.** Every motor vehicle and tractor on wheels shall be equipped with lamps and lights as provided in this act, of sufficient power and so adjusted and operated as to enable its operator to proceed with safety to himself and to other users of the ways under all ordinary conditions of highway and weather. Said lamps and lights shall conform to and operate in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated from time to time by the secretary, as provided in this act, and shall be lighted during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise; except as provided in section sixty-nine.

Every motor vehicle and tractor on wheels, other than a motorcycle, shall have mounted on the front thereof a pair of lamps, one on the right side and one on the left side each of approximately equal candlepower; and every motorcycle shall have mounted on the front thereof one lamp. If any such vehicle is so mechanically constructed, governed or controlled that it cannot exceed a speed of fifteen miles per hour, it shall have front lamps capable of furnishing light of sufficient candlepower to render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level way at least fifty feet directly ahead and at the same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance of at least twenty-five feet. If said

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vehicles can exceed a speed of fifteen miles per hour, then they shall have front lamps capable of furnishing light of sufficient candlepower to render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level way at least two hundred feet directly ahead and at the same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance of at least one hundred feet; provided that no front lamp capable of furnishing more than four candlepower light shall be used if equipped with a reflector, unless so designed, equipped or mounted that no portion of the beam of light when projected seventy-five feet or more ahead of the lamps shall rise above a plane forty-two inches higher than and parallel with the level surface on which the vehicle stands; and provided, further, that, at no time, shall the top of any main beam of light be higher than the headlight centers; and provided, further, that no electric bulb or other lighting device of a greater capacity than thirty-two candlepower shall be used, no matter how the same may be shaded, covered or obscured. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section, it shall be deemed to be a violation of its provisions if a front light or front lights of a motor vehicle projects the top of any main beam, at a distance of twenty-five feet ahead of the motor vehicle, on an approximately level stretch of highway, onto the body of a person or on a motor vehicle or any object, at a height greater than the distance of the centers of the front lights from the highway.

Every trailer, when operated at night shall carry at the front of its left side one lamp capable of throwing a white light visible from both sides of such vehicle; excepting, however, small two-wheel trailers of one thousand pounds capacity or less, towed closely behind a motor vehicle, whose overall length, including towing vehicle and load, does not exceed thirty feet.

Every such motor vehicle, tractor and trailer shall have on the rear thereof, and to the left of the axis thereof, one lamp capable of displaying a red light visible for a distance of at least one hundred feet behind such vehicle; provided that when a vehicle is used in conjunction with another vehicle or vehicles, only the last of such vehicles shall be required to carry such lamp. Every such motor vehicle, tractor and trailer shall carry a lamp illuminating with white light the rear registration plate of such vehicle so that the characters thereon shall be visible for a distance of at least fifty feet.

Every motor vehicle of seven feet or over in width shall have thereon at the extreme left on the body, one amber lamp visible for a distance of at least two hundred feet ahead of such vehicle. 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.

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