



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 477

HOUSE BILL NO. 1252

By Representative Byrd

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 747

By Senator Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4, relative to horse-drawn vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-401(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(c) No person shall operate on a highway a horse-drawn vehicle that is used on the highway primarily as a means of transportation during the period of time from one-half (1/2) hour before sunset until one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise and at all other times when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible any person on the road or highway at a distance of two hundred feet (200') ahead of the vehicle, unless the vehicle:

(1)

(A) Is equipped with two (2) reflective type lanterns, one (1) to be placed on the left side of the vehicle and one (1) to be placed on the right side of the vehicle with the lantern on the right side to be placed at least twelve inches (12") higher than the lantern on the left, and also has a minimum of one hundred square inches (100 sq. in.) of reflector tape placed on the rear of the vehicle, thirty-six inches (36") of reflector tape placed on each side of the vehicle, and twenty-four inches (24") of reflector tape placed at the highest point of the left front of the vehicle; and

(B) Is equipped with one (1) red, battery-operated light-emitting diode (LED) flashing light located at the top left-hand corner on the rear of the vehicle. The light must be at least three inches (3") by three inches (3"); or

(2)

(A) Has a minimum of one hundred square inches (100 sq. in.) of reflector tape placed on the rear of the vehicle, thirty-six inches (36") of reflector tape placed on each side of the vehicle, and twenty-four inches (24") of reflector tape placed at the highest point of the left front of the vehicle;

(B) Has six inches (6") of reflector piping tape placed on two (2) locations on the rear, left wheel of the vehicle; and

(C) Is equipped with two (2) reflective type lanterns, one (1) to be placed on the left side of the vehicle and one (1) to be placed on the right side of the vehicle with the lantern on the right side to be placed at least twelve inches (12") higher than the lantern on the left. Each lantern must be equipped with a red reflective type lens that is at least three inches (3") by three inches (3").

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-401(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

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(e) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00); except, the fine imposed for a violation of subsection (c) is ten dollars (\$10.00).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 1, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR