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REGULAR SESSION, 1975

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# ENROLLED

*Committee Substitute for*

HOUSE BILL No. 688

(By Mr. *Goodwin and Mr. Chapin*)

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PASSED February 26, 1975

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**

**FOR**

**H. B. 688**

(By MR. GOODWIN and MR. CHAFIN)

[Passed February 26, 1975; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section nineteen, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended relating to additional lighting equipment on motor vehicles; providing amber flashing lights are permissible on rural mail carrying vehicles; and specifying the placement of such lights.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section nineteen, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.**

**§17C-15-19. Additional lighting equipment.**

- 1 (a) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than
- 2 two side cowl or fender lamps which shall emit an amber or
- 3 white light without glare.
- 4 (b) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more
- 5 than one running-board courtesy lamp on each side thereof
- 6 which shall emit a white or amber light without glare.
- 7 (c) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than
- 8 two back-up lamps either separately or in combination with

9 other lamps, but any such back-up lamp shall not be lighted  
10 when the motor vehicle is in forward motion.

11 (d) Any vehicle may be equipped with lamps which may be  
12 used for the purpose of warning the operators of other ve-  
13 hicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring  
14 the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or  
15 passing, and when so equipped may display such warning in  
16 addition to any other warning signals required by this article.  
17 The lamps used to display such warning to the front shall be  
18 mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as  
19 practicable and shall display simultaneously flashing white or  
20 amber lights, or any shade of color between white and amber.  
21 The lamps used to display such warning to the rear shall be  
22 mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as  
23 practicable, and shall show simultaneously flashing amber or  
24 red lights, or any shade of color between amber and red.

25 (e) Vehicles used by "rural mail carriers" in carrying or  
26 delivering mail in rural areas may be equipped with amber  
27 flashing lights. Such lights shall be on the front and rear  
28 of the vehicle and may be activated when the vehicle is  
29 stopped or decreasing speed in order to stop in the course  
30 of carrying, delivering or picking up mail along the route.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Quinn T. Chamberlain  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

J. P. McLaughlin  
Clerk of the Senate

C. B. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Burtch, Jr.  
President of the Senate

Lewis T. Thomas  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 5th  
March  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1975.

Arva. Phares, Jr.  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 2/28/75  
Time 5:45 p.m.