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House Bill No. 2785**

(Delegate Mezzatesia)



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(BY DELEGATE MEZZATESTA)

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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 to be used by funeral hearses.

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
2 than two side cowl or fender lamps which shall emit an
3 amber or white light without glare.

4 (b) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not
5 more than one running board courtesy lamp on each side
6 thereof which shall emit a white or amber light without
7 glare.

8 (c) Except for school buses as provided in this
9 subsection, any motor vehicle may be equipped with not

10 more than two back-up lamps either separately or in
11 combination with other lamps, but any such back-up lamp
12 shall not be lighted when the motor vehicle is in forward
13 motion. School buses used for the transportation of
14 school children in this state, whether owned and operated
15 by a county board of education or privately owned and
16 operated under contract with a county board of
17 education, shall be equipped with two back-up lamps, one
18 on each side of the rear door, with white lens or reflectors,
19 capable of lighting the roadway and objects to the rear of
20 the bus for safe backing during darkness, and which, at the
21 option of the county board of education, may each
22 provide fifty candlepower in illumination intensity instead
23 of thirty-two candlepower.

24 (d) Any vehicle may be equipped with lamps which
25 may be used for the purpose of warning the operators of
26 other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard
27 requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching,
28 overtaking or passing, and when so equipped may display
29 such warning in addition to any other warning signals
30 required by this article. The lamps used to display such
31 warning to the front shall be mounted at the same level
32 and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall
33 display simultaneously flashing white or amber lights, or
34 any shade of color between white and amber. The lamps
35 used to display such warning to the rear shall be mounted
36 at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as
37 practicable, and shall show simultaneously flashing amber
38 or red lights, or any shade of color between amber and
39 red.

40 (e) Vehicles used by "rural mail carriers" in carrying
41 or delivering mail in rural areas may be equipped with
42 amber flashing lights. Such lights shall be on the front
43 and rear of the vehicle and may be activated when the
44 vehicle is stopped or decreasing speed in order to stop in
45 the course of carrying, delivering or picking up mail
46 along the route.

47 (f) Vehicles used as the lead car in a funeral
48 procession are hereby authorized to be equipped with, but
49 are not required to use, purple lamps or purple flashing

50 lights. Such lamps may be used for the purpose of
51 warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of
52 a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual
53 care in approaching, overtaking or passing a funeral
54 procession, and when so equipped may display such
55 warning in addition to any other warning signals required
56 by this article. The lamps or flashing lights used to
57 display such warning to the front shall be mounted at the
58 same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable
59 and shall display simultaneously either illuminated or
60 flashing purple lights. The lamps used to display such
61 warning to the rear shall be mounted at the same level and
62 as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and shall show
63 simultaneously flashing or illuminated purple lights.

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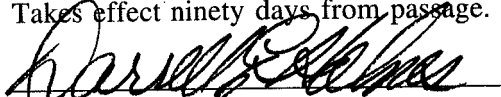
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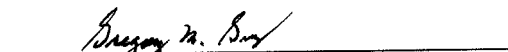

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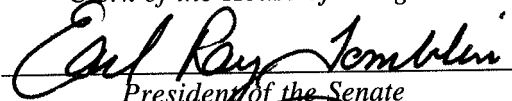

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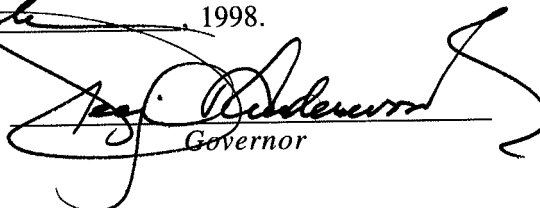

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The within approved this the 25th
day of March, 1998.


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