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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §17C-15-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to motor vehicle back-up lamps.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §17C-15-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 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 two side cowl or fender lamps
2 which shall emit an amber or white light without glare.

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

5 (c) All motor vehicles shall be equipped with a minimum of at least two functioning back-
6 up lamps either separately or in combination with other lamps, unless the vehicle was originally
7 equipped with one lamp. Any such back-up lamp shall not be lighted when the motor vehicle is
8 in forward motion. School buses used for the transportation of school children in this state,
9 whether owned and operated by a county board of education or privately owned and operated
10 under contract with a county Board of Education, shall be equipped with at least two back-up
11 lamps, one on each side of the rear door, with white lens or reflectors, capable of lighting the
12 roadway and objects to the rear of the bus for safe backing during darkness, and which, at the
13 option of the county board of education, may each provide fifty candlepower in illumination
14 intensity instead of thirty-two candlepower.

15 (d) Any vehicle may be equipped with lamps which may be used for the purpose of warning
16 the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise
17 of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing, and when so equipped may display such
18 warning in addition to any other warning signals required by this article. The lamps used to display
19 such warning to the front shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as

**20 practicable and shall display simultaneously flashing white or amber lights, or any shade of color
21 between white and amber. The lamps used to display such warning to the rear shall be mounted
22 at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and shall show simultaneously
23 flashing amber or red lights, or any shade of color between amber and red.**

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

**28 (f) Vehicles used as the lead car in a funeral procession are hereby authorized to be
29 equipped with, but are not required to use, purple lamps or purple flashing lights. Such lamps may
30 be used for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular
31 traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing a
32 funeral procession, and when so equipped may display such warning in addition to any other
33 warning signals required by this article. The lamps or flashing lights used to display such warning
34 to the front shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and
35 shall display simultaneously either illuminated or flashing purple lights. The lamps used to display
36 such warning to the rear shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as
37 practicable, and shall show simultaneously flashing or illuminated purple light**

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


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Chairman, House Committee


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Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.


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Clerk of the House of Delegates


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Clerk of the Senate


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Speaker of the House of Delegates


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President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 10th
day of May, 2016.


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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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