

CHAPTER 105**(HB 278)**

AN ACT relating to lights on slow moving vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 189.050 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in any regulations adopted pursuant to KRS 189.287, all vehicles shall display at the rear one (1) red light visible when lighted for at least five hundred (500) feet. A red reflector meeting the requirements may be used in lieu of a red light.
- (2) Every motor bus used for the transportation of persons for hire shall be equipped with at least one (1) red light with the word "STOP" on it which can be seen for one hundred and fifty (150) feet when illuminated. This subsection shall not apply to school buses or church buses.
- (3) No person shall operate any motor truck or semitrailer truck on any highway unless it is equipped with a yellow or red light that automatically indicates the application of brakes and is visible from the rear a distance of not less than two hundred (200) feet.
- (4) No person shall operate on any highway a motor truck or semitrailer truck having a width of any part in excess of eighty-four (84) inches, unless it carries at least two (2) clearance lights to indicate the outside left limit of the motor truck or semitrailer truck, one (1) light colored white or green, to be attached to and be visible from the front of the motor truck or semitrailer truck, and one (1) light colored red, to be attached to and be visible from the rear, in each case a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet.
- (5) When in operation on any highway slow-moving or motorless vehicles, except bicycles, shall have at least one (1) lamp on the left side of the vehicle whether from the front or rear, showing white and of sufficient power to reveal clearly the outline of the left side of the vehicle and in such a manner that the outline may be observed clearly by approaching vehicles from a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet.
- (6) ***When in operation between sunset and sunrise on any highway, motorless vehicles, except bicycles, shall have in operation a four (4) way flasher system, with two (2) flashing yellow or amber lights visible from the front of the vehicle and two (2) flashing red lights visible from the rear of the vehicle.***

Section 2. KRS 189.287 is amended to read as follows:

The Transportation Cabinet may promulgate bicycle safety regulations and standards. Bicycle riders and bicycles complying with such regulations and standards are exempt from the provisions of KRS 189.040(9), 189.050(1), 189.050(5) **and (6)**, and 189.080. Such bicycles and riders are also exempt from municipal and other local government regulations concerning safety equipment but not method of operation. In promulgating regulations and standards the Transportation Cabinet shall permit use of lightweight modern technological substitutes for lights, reflectors, and bells. The purpose of this section is to encourage bicycling and bicycle touring in this state by enabling bicycle riders to make use of modern technology to make their presence known to other users of the road. The Transportation Cabinet may consult with organizations of bicycle riders to aid it in the search for bicycle safety equipment and rules convenient for long distance bicycle riders.

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