

CHAPTER 53

(SB 75)

AN ACT relating to slow-moving vehicles and declaring an emergency.

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

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

- (1) All motor vehicles shall display at the rear two (2) red lights visible when lighted for at least five hundred (500) feet, unless the motor vehicle was originally equipped with only one (1) such light.
- (2) A person shall not operate any motor truck or semitrailer truck on any highway unless it is equipped with a red light that automatically indicates the application of brakes and is visible from the rear a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet.
- (3) 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, to be attached to and be visible from the front of the motor truck or semitrailer truck, and two (2) lights 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.
- (4) When in operation on any highway slow-moving or motorless vehicles, except bicycles, shall have at least one (1) light 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 five hundred (500) feet.
- (5) When in operation between sunset and sunrise on any highway, motorless vehicles, except bicycles, shall have in operation:
 - (a) A four (4) way flasher system, with two (2) flashing yellow or amber lights visible from the front of the vehicle *for a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet* and two (2) flashing red lights visible from the rear of the vehicle *for a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet; or*
 - (b) *Two (2) reflective lanterns, one (1) on either side of the rear of the vehicle, showing white to the front of the vehicle and red to the rear of the vehicle, with the lantern on the left side of the vehicle situated at least twelve (12) inches higher than the lantern on the right.*

➔Section 2. KRS 189.820 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) *Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section*, all slow-moving vehicles sold, leased, or rented in, or for use within, the Commonwealth of Kentucky ~~after January 1, 1971,~~ shall have affixed to them as standard equipment a slow-moving vehicle emblem.
- (2) *Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section*, the slow-moving vehicle emblem shall be displayed as herein provided on all slow-moving vehicles operated day or night upon the public roads within the Commonwealth of Kentucky ~~, no later than January 1, 1973.~~
- (3) The slow-moving vehicle emblem shall be mounted as near the center of the rear of the slow-moving vehicle as is practicable, and the lower edge of the emblem shall be mounted at least three feet (3') or more above the road surface, and shall be maintained in a clean, reflective condition.
- (4) *As an alternative to the slow-moving vehicle emblem, one (1)-inch-wide white or silver reflective tape may be used on motorless slow-moving vehicles as follows:*
 - (a) *The rear of the vehicle shall be covered with a minimum of one hundred (100) square inches of the reflective tape;*
 - (b) *The reflective tape on the rear of the vehicle shall, at a minimum, outline the entire rear of the vehicle;*
 - (c) *Each side of the vehicle shall be covered with a minimum of thirty-six (36) square inches of reflective tape; and*
 - (d) *The highest point of the left front of the vehicle shall be covered with a minimum of twenty-four (24) square inches of reflective tape.*

➔Section 3. KRS 189.830 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The slow-moving vehicle emblem shall be restricted to the uses specified herein and the use on any other type of vehicle or on other objects is prohibited.
- (2) The *slow-moving vehicle* ~~emblem~~ emblem shall not be required on trailers or other drawn vehicles which do not obstruct the slow-moving vehicle emblem required on the towing vehicle.
- (3) Highway construction or maintenance vehicles and public utility vehicles shall not require *slow-moving vehicle* ~~emblem~~ emblems when being guarded by flagmen or flares.
- (4) The use of ~~such~~ slow-moving vehicle emblems *or alternate reflective tape, as required under Section 2 of this Act*, shall be in addition to any other reflective or lighting devices required by law.
- (5) The slow-moving vehicle emblem shall not be used on a bicycle.

➔Section 4. Whereas, because the number of recent collisions that have occurred between motor vehicles and slow-moving vehicles which were not clearly marked is evidence that this is an urgent traffic safety issue in many areas of the Commonwealth, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Signed by Governor April 11, 2012.