

TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE
DIVISION 4: EQUIPMENT OF VEHICLES

§ 4101. Vehicle Lights.

(a) Every vehicle driven upon the public highways during the period from sunset to sunrise, or at any other time when there is not sufficient natural light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet, shall be operated with lighted and illuminating devices as set forth in this section.

(b) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, moped or bicycle, shall be equipped with not less than two headlights at the front of and on opposite sides of the motor vehicle. These head lights shall comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in this division, and shall be of a type which at the time of their use are approved by the chief.

(c) Every motorcycle, moped and bicycle shall be equipped with at least one head light, and not more than two, which shall comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in this division, and shall be of a type which at the time of their use is approved by the chief.

(d) Every motor vehicle upon the public highway and every trailer or semi-trailer attached to a motor vehicle and every vehicle being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles shall carry tail lights of a type which at the time of its use is approved by the chief, and which emits a red light plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of 500 feet from the rear of the vehicle. The rear number plate light, or a separate light, shall be so constructed and placed that the number plate carried on the rear of the vehicle shall under normal atmospheric conditions, be so illuminated by a white light as to be clearly visible for distance of 50 feet from the rear of the vehicle. When the rear number plate is illuminated by an electric light other than the required rear number plate light, that light shall be turned on or off by the same control switch whenever head lights are lighted.

(e) In addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this title, every school bus upon the public highway shall be equipped with signal lights mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, which shall be capable of displaying to the front two alternatively flashing red lights located at the same level, and to the rear two alternately flashing lights located at the same level, and which red signals shall emit a red light plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of 500 feet from the rear or the front of the vehicle.

Source: PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 401); (d) amended by PL 17-73 § 3 (May 14, 2012).