

HOUSE No. 1317

By Mr. Hurwitz of Cohasset, petition of Hector J. Pelletier relative to authorizing municipal ambulances to display a red light in the direction in which the ambulance is proceeding or facing. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL AMBULANCES TO DISPLAY A RED LIGHT IN THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE AMBULANCE IS PROCEEDING OR FACING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 7 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 443 of the acts of 1941,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth
4 sentence, as appearing in the second paragraph, and
5 inserting in place thereof the following new sentence:
6 — No motor vehicle so operated except fire apparatus
7 and municipal ambulances shall display a red light in
8 the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding or
9 facing, — so that the second paragraph shall read as
10 follows: — Every motor vehicle so operated shall be
11 provided with a muffler or other suitable device to
12 prevent unnecessary noise and with a suitable bell,
13 horn or other means of signalling, and with suitable

14 lamps; and automobiles shall be provided with a
15 lock, a key or other device to prevent such vehicle
16 from being set in motion by unauthorized persons, or
17 otherwise, contrary to the will of the owner or person
18 in charge thereof. Every automobile operated during
19 the period from one half an hour after sunset to one
20 half an hour before sunrise shall display at least two
21 white lights, or lights of yellow or amber tint, or, if
22 parked within the limits of a way, one white light on
23 the side of the automobile nearer the center of the
24 way, and every motor cycle so operated at least one
25 white light, or light of yellow or amber tint, and
26 every such motor cycle with a side-car attached, in
27 addition, one such light on the front of the side-car,
28 and every motor truck, trailer and commercial motor
29 vehicle used solely as such, having a carrying capacity
30 of three tons or over, in addition, a green light at-
31 tached to the extreme left of the front of such vehicle,
32 so attached and adjusted as to indicate the extreme
33 left lateral extension of the vehicle or load, which
34 shall in all cases aforesaid be visible not less than two
35 hundred feet in the direction toward which the ve-
36 hicle is proceeding or facing; and every such motor
37 vehicle shall display at least one red light in the
38 reverse direction; provided, that an automobile need
39 display no light when parked within the limits of a
40 way in a space in which unlighted parking is permitted
41 by the rules or regulations of the board or officer
42 having control of such way. Every automobile so
43 operated shall have a rear light so placed as to show
44 a red light from behind and a white light so arranged
45 as to illuminate and not obscure the rear register
46 number. No motor vehicle so operated, except fire
47 apparatus and municipal ambulances, shall display a

48 red light in the direction toward which the vehicle is
49 proceeding or facing. Every commercial motor ve-
50 hicle or trailer having a carrying capacity of two tons
51 or over shall, in addition to such rear light, be equipped
52 with a red reflector, approved by the registrar, so
53 placed at the rear of such vehicle as to reflect rays
54 of light thrown upon such reflector from behind. No
55 headlamp or rear lamp shall be used on any motor
56 vehicle so operated, and no device which obstructs,
57 reflects or alters the beam of such headlamp shall be
58 used in connection therewith, unless approved by the
59 registrar. Application for the approval of a headlamp,
60 or of a rear lamp, accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars,
61 may be made to the registrar by any manufacturer
62 thereof or dealer therein. Every automobile used for
63 the carriage of passengers for hire, and every com-
64 mercial motor vehicle or motor truck, so constructed,
65 equipped or loaded that the person operating the same
66 is prevented from having a constantly free and un-
67 obstructed view of the highway immediately in the
68 rear, shall have attached to the vehicle a mirror or
69 reflector so placed and adjusted as to afford the
70 operator a clear, reflected view of the highway in the
71 rear of the vehicle. Notwithstanding the preceding
72 provisions of this section, any commercial motor
73 vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer, used in interstate com-
74 merce, which shall conform as to its equipment with
75 the regulations established from time to time by the
76 interstate commerce commission shall be deemed to
77 conform to the requirements of this section.

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