

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 59

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Introduced by Schmitt, 41

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-6,162, 60-6,219, 60-6,225, 60-6,226, 60-6,227, 60-6,230, and 60-6,232, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the use of signals and lights; and to repeal the original sections.  
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 60-6,162, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,162. (1) Any stop signal or turnsignal required by the Nebraska Rules of the Road shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by signal lights except as otherwise provided in this section.

(2) With respect to any motor vehicle having four or more wheels manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1954, designed or used for the purpose of carrying passengers or freight, ~~and or any trailer~~, in use on a highway, any required signal shall be given by the appropriate signal lights when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of such motor vehicle or trailer exceeds twenty-four inches. Such or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load thereof exceeds fourteen feet. The latter measurement shall apply to any single vehicle or trailer and to any combination of vehicles or trailers. This subsection shall not apply during daylight hours to fertilizer trailers as defined in section 60-301 and implements of husbandry designed primarily or exclusively for use in agricultural operations.

(3) Under any condition when a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear of the vehicle of such signaling driver for one hundred feet, the required signals shall be given by such a light or device as required by this section.

Sec. 2. Section 60-6,219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,219. (1) Every motor vehicle upon a highway within this state during the period from sunset to sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons or vehicles upon the highway at a distance of five hundred feet ahead shall be equipped with lighted headlights and taillights as respectively required in this section for different classes of vehicles.

(2) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, a road roller, or road machinery, shall be equipped with two or more headlights, at the front of and on opposite sides of the motor vehicle, ~~and with a taillight exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle.~~ The headlights shall comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in sections 60-6,221 and 60-6,223.

(3) Every motor vehicle and trailer, other than a motorcycle, a road roller, or road machinery, shall be equipped with one or more taillights, at the rear of the motor vehicle or trailer, exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle.

(4) Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two headlights and with a taillight exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the rear of such motorcycle. The headlights shall comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in ~~such~~ sections 60-6,221 and 60-6,223.

~~(4)~~ (5) The requirement in this section as to the distance from which lights must render obstructions visible or within which lights must be visible shall apply during the time stated in this section upon a straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions.

~~(5)~~ (6) It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of any motor vehicle to operate such vehicle upon a highway unless:

(a) The condition of the lights and electric circuit is such as to give substantially normal light output;

(b) ~~The~~ Each taillight shows red directly to the rear, the lens covering ~~the each~~ taillight is unbroken, ~~the each~~ taillight is securely fastened, and the electric circuit is free from grounds or shorts;

(c) There is no more than one spotlight except for law enforcement personnel, government employees, and public utility employees;

(d) There are no more than two auxiliary driving lights and every

such auxiliary light meets the requirements for auxiliary driving lights provided in section 60-6,225;

(e) If equipped with any lighting device, other than headlights, spotlights, or auxiliary driving lights, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than twenty-five candlepower, such lighting device meets the requirements of subsection (4) of section 60-6,225; and

(f) If equipped with side cowl or fender lights, there are no more than two such lights and each such side cowl or fender light emits an amber or white light.

Sec. 3. Section 60-6,225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,225. (1) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with spotlights as specified in section 60-6,219, and every lighted spotlight shall be so aimed and used upon approaching another vehicle that no part of the beam will be directed to the left of the center of the highway nor more than one hundred feet ahead of the vehicle.

(2) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed two auxiliary driving lights mounted on the front at a height not less than twelve inches nor more than forty-two inches above the level surface on which the vehicle stands, and every such auxiliary driving light shall meet the requirements and limitations set forth in section 60-6,221. The restrictions on mounting height provided in this subsection shall not apply to any motor vehicle equipped with a blade, plow, or any other device designed for the movement of snow. Auxiliary driving lights shall be turned off at the same time the motor vehicle's headlights are required to be dimmed when approaching another vehicle from either the front or the rear.

(3) Whenever a motor vehicle is equipped with a signal light, the signal light shall be so constructed and located on the vehicle as to give a signal which shall be plainly visible in normal sunlight from a distance of one hundred feet to the rear of the vehicle but shall not project a glaring or dazzling light.

(4) Any device, other than headlights, spotlights, or auxiliary driving lights, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than twenty-five candlepower shall be so directed that no part of the beam will strike the level of the surface on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than fifty feet from the vehicle.

Sec. 4. Section 60-6,226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,226. (1) Any motor vehicle having four or more wheels which is manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1954, designed or used for the purpose of carrying passengers or freight, and or any trailer, in use on a highway, shall be equipped with brake and turnsignal lights in good working order.

(2) Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, motor scooters, bicycles, vehicles used solely for agricultural purposes, and vehicles not designed and intended primarily for use on a highway, and, during daylight hours, fertilizer trailers as defined in section 60-301 and implements of husbandry designed primarily or exclusively for use in agricultural operations shall not be required to have or maintain in working order signal lights required by this section, but they may be so equipped. The operator thereof shall comply with the requirements for utilizing hand and arm signals or for utilizing such signal lights if the vehicle is so equipped.

Sec. 5. Section 60-6,227, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,227. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive on any of the highways of this state with only parking lights in lieu of headlights turned on.

Sec. 6. Section 60-6,230, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,230. (1) Except as provided in sections 60-6,231 to 60-6,233 and subsection (4) subsections (4) and (5) of this section, no person shall operate any motor vehicle or any equipment of any description on any highway in this state with any rotating or flashing light.

(2) Except for stop lights and directional signals, which may be red, yellow, or amber, no person shall display any color of light other than red on the rear of any motor vehicle or any equipment of any kind on any highway within this state.

(3) Blue and green lights may be displayed on vehicles of the Military Department for purpose of convoy control when on any state emergency mission.

(4) A single flashing white light may be displayed on the roof of school transportation vehicles during extremely adverse weather conditions.

(5) Blue and amber rotating or flashing lights may be displayed on vehicles used for the movement of snow when operated by the Department of Roads or any local authority.

Sec. 7. Section 60-6,232, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,232. A rotating or flashing amber light or lights shall be displayed on the roof of any motor vehicle being operated by any rural mail carrier outside the corporate limits of any municipality in this state ~~when~~ ~~stepping~~ on or near any highway in the process of delivering mail.

A rotating or flashing amber light or lights may be displayed on (1) any vehicle of the Military Department while on any state emergency mission, (2) any motor vehicle being operated by any public utility, vehicle service, or towing service or any publicly or privately owned construction or maintenance vehicle while performing its duties on or near any highway, (3) any motor vehicle being operated by any member of the Civil Air Patrol, (4) any pilot vehicle escorting an overdimensional load, or (5) any vehicle while actually engaged in the moving of houses, buildings, or other objects of extraordinary bulk, including unbaled livestock forage as authorized by subdivision (2)(g) of section 60-6,288.

Sec. 8. Original sections 60-6,162, 60-6,219, 60-6,225, 60-6,226, 60-6,227, 60-6,230, and 60-6,232, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.