

CHAPTER 109

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

SENATE BILL 96-028

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also REPRESENTATIVES Reeves, Armstrong, Mace, Paschall, Salaz, and Swenson.

AN ACT

CONCERNING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR STREET ROD VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 42-3-113 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

42-3-113. Number plates furnished - style. (1) (a) (I) The department shall also furnish to every owner whose vehicle is registered one number plate for a motorcycle, STREET ROD VEHICLE, trailer, or semitrailer, any other vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, or any item of mobile machinery or self-propelled construction equipment and two number plates, or, at the discretion of the executive director of the department, one number plate for every other vehicle, except as otherwise provided in this article. The department has the authority to require the return to the department of all number plates upon termination of the lawful use thereof by the owner.

(II) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), "STREET ROD VEHICLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-3-114 (3) (b).

SECTION 2. 42-3-123 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

42-3-123. Number plates to be attached. (1) (a) Number plates assigned to a self-propelled vehicle other than a motorcycle OR STREET ROD VEHICLE shall be attached thereto, one in the front and the other in the rear. The number plate assigned to a motorcycle, STREET ROD VEHICLE, trailer, or semitrailer, any other vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, or any item of mobile machinery or self-propelled construction

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equipment shall be attached to the rear thereof. Number plates shall be so displayed during the current registration year, except as otherwise provided in this article.

(b) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), "STREET ROD VEHICLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-3-114 (3) (b).

SECTION 3. 42-4-206 (1) and (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, are amended to read:

42-4-206. Tail lamps and reflectors. (1) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer and any other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles shall be equipped with at least one tail lamp mounted on the rear, which, when lighted as required in section 42-4-204, shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear; ~~but~~ EXCEPT THAT, in the case of a train of vehicles, only the tail lamp on the rear-most vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified, AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-4-215.5. Furthermore, every such vehicle registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1958, shall be equipped with at least two tail lamps mounted on the rear, on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, which, when lighted as required in section 42-4-204, shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(4) Every motor vehicle operated on and after January 1, 1958, upon a highway in the state of Colorado shall carry on the rear, either as part of a tail lamp or separately, one red reflector meeting the requirements of this section; except that vehicles of the type mentioned in section 42-4-207 shall be equipped with reflectors as required in those sections applicable thereto AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-4-215.5.

SECTION 4. 42-4-215 (1), (2), and (7.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, are amended to read:

42-4-215. Signal lamps and devices - additional lighting equipment. (1) Any motor vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this article shall be equipped, with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle which, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-4-215.5, shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight, and which shall be actuated upon application of the service (foot) brake, and which may but need not be incorporated with one or more other rear lamps. Such stop lamp or lamps may also be automatically actuated by a mechanical device when the vehicle is reducing speed or stopping. If two or more stop lamps are installed on any motor vehicle, any device actuating such lamps shall be so designed and installed that all stop lamps are actuated by such device.

(2) Any motor vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this article shall be equipped, with lamps showing to the front and rear for the purpose of indicating an intention to turn either to the right or to the left. Such lamps showing to the front shall be located on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and when in use shall display a white or amber light, or any shade of color between white and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred feet to the front in normal sunlight, and the lamps showing to the rear shall be located at the same level

and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-4-215.5, when in use shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight. When actuated, such lamps shall indicate the intended direction of turning by flashing the light showing to the front and rear on the side toward which the turn is made.

(7) Any vehicle may be equipped with lamps which may be used for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing and, when so equipped and when the said vehicle is not in motion or is being operated at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less and at no other time, may display such warning in addition to any other warning signals required by this article. The lamps used to display such warning to the front shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall display simultaneously flashing white or amber lights, or any shade of color between white and amber. The lamps used to display such warning to the rear shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-4-215.5, shall show simultaneously flashing amber or red lights, or any shade of color between amber and red. These warning lights shall be visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night.

SECTION 5. Part 2 of article 4 of title 42, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

42-4-215.5. Signal lamps and devices - street rod vehicles and custom motor vehicles. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "BLUE DOT TAIL LIGHT" MEANS A RED LAMP INSTALLED IN THE REAR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE CONTAINING A BLUE OR PURPLE INSERT THAT IS NOT MORE THAN ONE INCH IN DIAMETER.

(b) "STREET ROD VEHICLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-3-114 (3) (b).

(2) A STREET ROD VEHICLE OR CUSTOM MOTOR VEHICLE MAY USE BLUE DOT TAIL LIGHTS FOR STOP LAMPS, REAR TURNING INDICATOR LAMPS, REAR HAZARD LAMPS, AND REAR REFLECTORS. SUCH LAMPS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE OTHER THAN COLOR REQUIREMENTS.

SECTION 6. 42-4-304 (18), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

42-4-304. Definitions relating to automobile inspection and readjustment program. As used in sections 42-4-301 to 42-4-316, unless the context otherwise requires:

(18) "Motor vehicle", as applicable to the AIR program, includes only a motor vehicle which is operated with four wheels or more on the ground, self-propelled by a spark ignited engine burning gasoline, gasoline blends, gaseous fuel, blends of liquid gasoline and gaseous fuels, alcohol, alcohol blends, or other similar fuels,

having a personal property classification of A, B, or C pursuant to section 42-3-106, and for which registration in this state is required for operation on the public roads and highways or which motor vehicle is owned or operated or both by a nonresident who meets the requirements set forth in section 42-4-310 (1) (c). "Motor vehicle" does not include vehicles registered pursuant to section 42-3-134 (12) or 42-3-138, ~~or~~ vehicles registered pursuant to section 42-12-102 which are of model year 1959 or earlier or which have two-stroke cycle engines manufactured prior to 1980, OR VEHICLES REGISTERED AS STREET RODS PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-114.

SECTION 7. Effective date - applicability. Sections 1, 2, and 6 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1996, and shall apply to registration applications or renewals received on or after said date. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon passage.

SECTION 8. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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