

CHAPTER 121

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 08-1339

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AN ACT**CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY SIGNALS REQUIREMENTS.**

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

SECTION 1. 42-4-1903 (2) (a) (II) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

42-4-1903. School buses - stops - signs - passing. (2) (a) Every school bus as defined in section 42-1-102 (88), other than a small passenger-type vehicle having a seating capacity of not more than fifteen, used for the transportation of schoolchildren shall:

(II) Display eight visual signal lights ~~which shall be two alternating flashing red lights visible to the drivers of vehicles approaching from the front of said bus, two alternating flashing red lights visible to the drivers of vehicles approaching from the rear of said bus, and four visual signal lights which shall be yellow signal lights mounted near each of the four red lights and at the same level but closer to the vertical center line of the bus and which shall be alternately flashing with two visible to the front and two visible to the rear. These visual signal lights shall be mounted as high as practicable, shall be as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and shall be located on the same level. These lights shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred feet in normal sunlight~~ MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF 49 CFR 571.108 OR ITS SUCCESSOR REGULATION.

(3) Every school bus used for the transportation of schoolchildren, except those small passenger-type vehicles described in subsection (1) of this section, shall be equipped with a ~~stop signal arm mounted outside the bus on the left alongside the driver and below the window. The stop signal arm shall be a flat octagon with the~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

~~word "STOP" printed on both sides in such a manner as to be easily visible to persons approaching from either direction. The stop signal arm shall contain two alternately flashing red lamps which are connected to the alternating flashing signal light system described in subsection (2) of this section, and the stop signal arm shall be extended only when the red visual signal lights are in operation~~ SCHOOL BUS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DEVICES THAT COMPLY WITH 49 CFR 571.131 OR ITS SUCCESSOR REGULATION.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 6, 2008, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2008); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: April 10, 2008