

SENATE BILL 3171
By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4, relative to lighting regulations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-9-415.

(a) Every trailer, as defined in § 55-8-101(69), which is sixteen feet (16') or more in length which is transported upon a road, street, or highway in Tennessee shall be equipped with at least the following lighting devices and reflectors on the rear: two (2) tail lamps, one (1) at each side; two (2) stop lamps, one (1) at each side; two (2) turn signals, one (1) at each side; and shall have a minimum of thirty-six inches (36") of reflector tape placed on each side of the trailer.

(b) From one-half (1/2) hour before sunset to one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise and at all other times when lights are required to be displayed, there shall be attached to the rearmost extremity of any load which projects four feet (4') or more beyond the rear of the body of the trailer, or at any tailboard or tailgate so projecting, or to the rearmost extremity of any load, at least one (1) red lamp, securely fastened thereto, which shall be visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the sides and rear under normal conditions. At all other times, a red flag of cloth, synthetic or man-made material shall be so displayed.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.