GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 255

Short Title: Tr	ailer Side Lights. (Public)
Sponsors: Repr	resentatives Diamont; Bowman and Warner.
Referred to: G	overnment.
	February 16, 1989
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO	CONFORM THE REQUIREMENT FOR TRAILER SIDE LIGHTS TO
THE FEDE	RAL STANDARDS.
The General A	ssembly of North Carolina enacts:
Sect	ion 1. G.S. 20-129.1 reads as rewritten:
	dditional lighting equipment required on certain vehicles.
	to other equipment required in this Chapter, the following vehicles shall
be equipped as	
(1)	On every bus or truck, whatever its size, there shall be the following:
	On the rear, two reflectors, one at each side, and one stoplight.
(2)	On every bus or truck 80 inches or more in overall width, in addition
	to the requirements in subdivision (1):
	On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each side.
	On the rear, two clearance lamps, one at each side.
	On each side, two side marker lamps, one at or near the front
	and one at or near the rear.
	On each side, two reflectors, one at or near the front and one at
(2)	or near the rear.
(3)	On every truck tractor:
	On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each side.
(4)	On the rear, one stoplight.
(4)	On every trailer or semitrailer having a gross weight of 4,000 pounds
	or more:

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1		On each side, two side marker lamps, one at or near the front
2		and one at or near the rear.
3		On each side, two reflectors, one at or near the front and one at
4		or near the rear.
5		On the rear, two clearance lamps, one at each side, also two
6		reflectors, one at each side, and one stoplight.
7	(5)	On every pole trailer having a gross weight of 4,000 pounds or more:
8		On each side, one side marker lamp and one clearance lamp
9		which may be in combination, to show to the front, side and
10		rear.
11		On the rear of the pole trailer or load, two reflectors, one at each
12		side.
13	(6)	On every trailer, semitrailer or pole trailer having a gross weight of
14		less than 4,000 pounds:
15		On the rear, two reflectors, one on each side. If any trailer or
16		semitrailer is so loaded or is of such dimensions as to obscure
17		the stoplight on the towing vehicle, then such vehicle shall also
18		be equipped with one stoplight.
19	(7)	Front clearance lamps and those marker lamps and reflectors mounted
20		on the front or on the side near the front of a vehicle shall display or
21		reflect an amber color.
22	(8)	Rear clearance lamps and those marker lamps and reflectors mounted
23		on the rear or on the sides near the rear of a vehicle shall display or
24		reflect a red color.
25	(9)	Brake lights (and/or brake reflectors) on the rear of a motor vehicle
26		shall be red. The light illuminating the license plate shall be white. All
27		other lights shall be white, amber, yellow, clear or red.
28	(10)	On every trailer and semitrailer which is 30 feet or more in length and
29		has a gross vehicle weight of 4,000 pounds or more, a side-marker
30		<u>lamp</u> and <u>reflector</u> or <u>one-a</u> combination marker lamp showing amber
31		and mounted on the bottom side rail at or near the center of each side of the
32		trailer and reflector that meet the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 393,
33		Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations."
34	Sec 2.	This act shall become effective March 15, 1989.