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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 307.125 and 307.127, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to animal-drawn vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 307.125 and 307.127, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 307.125 and 307.127, to read as follows:

307.125. 1. Any person who shall place or drive or cause to be placed or driven upon or along any state or supplementary state highway of this state any animal-driven vehicle 2 whatsoever, whether in motion or at rest, shall after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise have 3 attached to every such vehicle at the rear thereof a red taillight or a red reflecting device of not 4 less than three inches in diameter of effective area or its equivalent in area. When such device 5 shall consist of reflecting buttons there shall be no less than seven of such buttons covering an 6 area equal to a circle with a three-inch diameter. The total subtended effective angle of reflection 7 8 of every such device shall be no less than sixty degrees and the spread and efficiency of the reflected light shall be sufficient for the reflected light to be visible to the driver of any motor 9 vehicle approaching such animal-drawn vehicle from the rear of a distance of not less than five 10 hundred feet. 11 12 2. In addition, any person who operates any such animal-driven vehicle during the hours 13 between one-half hour before sunset and one-half hour [before] after sunrise shall have at least

14 [one light] two lights flashing at all times the vehicle is on any highway of this state. Such [light

15 or] lights shall be amber in the front and red in the back and shall be placed on the left side of 16 the vehicle at a height of no more than six feet from the ground and shall be visible from the

16 the vehicle at a height of no more than six feet from the ground and shall be visible from the

17 front and the back of the vehicle at a distance of at least five hundred feet. Any person violating

18 the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an infraction.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

3. Any person operating an animal-driven vehicle during the hours between sunset and
one-half hour before sunrise may, in lieu of the requirements of subsection 2 of this section, use
lamps or lanterns complying with the rules promulgated by the director of the department of
public safety.

4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2004, shall be invalid and void.

307.127. 1. No person shall operate on any public highway of this state any slow-moving vehicle or equipment after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, any animal-drawn vehicle, or any other machinery, designed for use or normally operated at speeds less than twenty-five miles per hour, including all road construction or maintenance machinery secept when engaged in actual construction or maintenance work either guarded by a flagman or clearly visible warning signs, which normally travels or is normally used at a speed of less than twenty-five miles per hour unless:

8 (1) There is displayed on the rear thereof an emblem as described in, and displayed as 9 provided in subsection 2 in this section; and

10 (2) There is displayed on the front thereof reflective material complying with the 11 requirements of subsection 6 of this section.

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13 The requirement of such emblem and reflective material shall be in addition to any lighting14 devices required by section 307.115.

15 2. The emblem required by subsection 1 of this section shall be of substantial construction, and shall be a basedown equilateral triangle of fluorescent yellow-orange film or 16 17 equivalent quality paint with a base of not less than fourteen inches and an altitude of not less than twelve inches. Such triangle shall be bordered with reflective red strips having a minimum 18 19 width of one and three-fourths inches, with the vertices of the overall triangle truncated such that 20 the remaining altitude shall be a minimum of fourteen inches. Such emblem shall be mounted 21 on the rear of such vehicle near the horizontal geometric center of the rearmost vehicle at a 22 height of not less than four feet above the roadway, and shall be maintained in a clean, reflective 23 condition. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle or equipment being 24 operated on a gravel or dirt-surfaced public highway.

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3. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of aninfraction.

4. No emblem shall be required on machinery or equipment pulled or attached to a farm tractor providing the machinery or equipment does not extend more than twelve feet to the rear of the tractor and permits a clear view of the emblem on the tractor by vehicles approaching from the rear.

31 5. Any person operating an animal-drawn vehicle on any public highway of this state 32 may, in lieu of displaying the emblem required by subsections 1 and 2 of this section, equip the 33 animal-drawn vehicle with reflective material complying with rules and regulations promulgated 34 by the director of the department of public safety. The reflective material shall be visible from 35 a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear when illuminated by the lower beams of 36 vehicle headlights. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies 37 38 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. 39 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general 40 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and 41 annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and 42 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2004, shall be invalid and void.

43 6. Any person operating an animal-drawn vehicle on any public highway of this 44 state shall equip the animal-drawn vehicle with reflective material placed on the front of such vehicle that complies with rules and regulations promulgated by the director of the 45 department of public safety. The reflective material shall be visible from a distance of not 46 47 less than five hundred feet to the front when illuminated by the lower beams of vehicle 48 headlights. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it 49 50 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, 51 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers 52 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective 53 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the 54 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2021, 55 shall be invalid and void.

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