An Act to Require Manure Bags for Horse-drawn Vehicles

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle and
Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1909-C, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 170, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1909-D is enacted to read:

§1909-D. Animal-drawn vehicles

This section governs the required equipment for certain animal-drawn vehicles operated on a public way.

1. Nighttime equipment. An animal-drawn vehicle operated on a public way during nighttime must be equipped with the following:

A. An oil lantern or electric lights attached to the left side of the vehicle that displays a red light toward the rear of the vehicle and a white light toward the front of the vehicle; and

B. Grade DOT-C2 white reflective tape as described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.108, in effect on March 26, 2019, applied to the vehicle as follows:

(1) Seventy-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear frame of the vehicle;

(2) Thirty-six inches of reflective tape on each side of the vehicle, applied in segments that outline the frame on each side with at least 2 segments applied to the upper borders of the frame; and

(3) Forty-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front frame of the vehicle.

2. Manure bags. A horse-drawn vehicle operated on a public way must be equipped with manure bags of sufficient capacity to hold the amount of manure produced by each horse in one day. The operator of a horse-drawn vehicle may not empty a manure bag at a location other than the location where the horse is stabled.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a horse-drawn vehicle operated on a public way to be equipped with manure bags of sufficient capacity to hold the amount of manure produced by each horse in one day. It prohibits the operator of a horse-drawn vehicle from emptying a manure bag at a location other than the location where the horse is stabled.