

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 455 - L.D. 686

An Act to Enhance Safety for Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways

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 amended to read:

§1909-C. Animal-drawn vehicles

An animal-drawn vehicle operated on a public way ~~during nighttime~~ must be equipped with the following:

1. Light. ~~An~~ During nighttime, 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

2. Reflective tape. ~~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:~~

~~A. Seventy-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear frame of the vehicle;~~

~~B. 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; and~~

~~C. Forty-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front frame of the vehicle.~~

3. Reflective gear. At all times, one of the following:

A. 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; and

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

B. A slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the vehicle.