

IC 9-19-6

Chapter 6. Lights, Reflectors, and Turn Signals

IC 9-19-6-1

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.1-1991, SEC.87.)

IC 9-19-6-1.5

"Operating crew member"

Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "operating crew member" has the meaning set forth in IC 8-9-12-2.

As added by P.L.183-2005, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.1-2007, SEC.85.

IC 9-19-6-2

Application of illumination and visibility requirements; measurement of mounted height of lamps

Sec. 2. (a) The requirements in this chapter setting forth the distance from which certain lamps and devices are required to render objects visible or within which the lamps or devices are required to be visible apply:

- (1) during the times stated in IC 9-21-7-2;
- (2) with respect to a vehicle without load; and
- (3) when upon a straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions;

unless a different time or condition is expressly stated.

(b) The mounted heights of lamps or devices required in this chapter are measured from the center of the lamp or device to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-1991, SEC.88.

IC 9-19-6-3 Version a

Number, location, and height of head lamps

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 3. (a) A motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle must be equipped with at least two (2) head lamps, with at least one (1) of the head lamps on each side of the front of the motor vehicle. The head lamps must comply with this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a motorcycle and motor-driven cycle must be equipped with at least one (1) and not more than two (2) head lamps that comply with this chapter.

(c) A motorcycle manufactured before January 1, 1956, is not required to be equipped with a head lamp if the motorcycle is not operated at the times when lighted head lamps and other illuminating devices are required under IC 9-21-7-2.

(d) A head lamp upon a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle and motor-driven cycle, must be located at a height measured from the center of the head lamp of not less than twenty-four (24) inches and

not more than fifty-four (54) inches to be measured as set forth in section 2(b) of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.63-1994, SEC.2.

IC 9-19-6-3 Version b

Number, location, and height of head lamps

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 3. (a) A motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or motor driven cycle must be equipped with at least two (2) head lamps, with at least one (1) of the head lamps on each side of the front of the motor vehicle. The head lamps must comply with this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a motorcycle and motor driven cycle must be equipped with at least one (1) and not more than two (2) head lamps that comply with this chapter.

(c) A motorcycle manufactured before January 1, 1956, is not required to be equipped with a head lamp if the motorcycle is not operated at the times when lighted head lamps and other illuminating devices are required under IC 9-21-7-2.

(d) A head lamp upon a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle and motor driven cycle, must be located at a height measured from the center of the head lamp of not less than twenty-four (24) inches and not more than fifty-four (54) inches to be measured as set forth in section 2(b) of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.63-1994, SEC.2; P.L.221-2014, SEC.28.

IC 9-19-6-4 Version a

Tail lamps

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 4. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section:

- (1) a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer; and
- (2) any other vehicle that is drawn at the end of a train of vehicles;

must be equipped with at least one (1) tail lamp mounted on the rear that when lighted as required in this chapter, emits a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear.

(b) Only the tail lamp on the rear-most vehicle of a train of vehicles is required to be seen from the distance specified.

(c) Excluding a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination equipped with a B-train assembly (as defined in IC 9-13-2-13) governed by section 7 of this chapter, truck-tractor, motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle:

- (1) a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer; and
- (2) any other vehicle drawn at the end of a train of vehicles; that is registered in Indiana and manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1956, must be equipped with at least two (2) tail lamps mounted on the rear that, when lighted, complies with this section.

(d) A tail lamp upon a vehicle shall be located at a height of not

less than twenty (20) inches and not more than seventy-two (72) inches.

(e) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp must be placed and constructed so as to illuminate the rear registration plate with a white light and make the plate clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet to the rear. A tail lamp or tail lamps, together with a separate lamp for illuminating the rear registration plate, must be wired so as to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.34-2010, SEC.2.

IC 9-19-6-4 Version b

Tail lamps

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 4. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section:

- (1) a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer; and
- (2) any other vehicle that is drawn at the end of a train of vehicles;

must be equipped with at least one (1) tail lamp mounted on the rear that when lighted as required in this chapter, emits a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear.

(b) Only the tail lamp on the rear-most vehicle of a train of vehicles is required to be seen from the distance specified.

(c) Excluding a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination equipped with a B-train assembly (as defined in IC 9-13-2-13) governed by section 7 of this chapter, truck-tractor, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle:

- (1) a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer; and
- (2) any other vehicle drawn at the end of a train of vehicles;

that is registered in Indiana and manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1956, must be equipped with at least two (2) tail lamps mounted on the rear that, when lighted, complies with this section.

(d) A tail lamp upon a vehicle shall be located at a height of not less than twenty (20) inches and not more than seventy-two (72) inches.

(e) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp must be placed and constructed so as to illuminate the rear registration plate with a white light and make the plate clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet to the rear. A tail lamp or tail lamps, together with a separate lamp for illuminating the rear registration plate, must be wired so as to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.34-2010, SEC.2; P.L.221-2014, SEC.29.

IC 9-19-6-5 Version a

New vehicles; rear reflectors

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) through (d), a new motor vehicle sold and operated upon a highway, other than a truck-tractor, must carry on the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two (2) red reflectors.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a motorcycle and motor-driven cycle must carry at least one (1) reflector meeting the requirements of this section.

(c) A motorcycle manufactured before January 1, 1956, is not required to carry a reflector under this section if the motorcycle is not operated at the times when lighted head lamps and other illuminating devices are required under IC 9-21-7-2.

(d) A vehicle of the type listed in section 7 of this chapter must be equipped with reflectors as required in those sections applicable to those vehicles.

(e) A reflector must be mounted on a vehicle at a height not less than twenty (20) inches and not more than sixty (60) inches as measured in the manner set forth in section 2(b) of this chapter. Except as otherwise provided, a reflector must be of the size and characteristics and mounted so as to be visible at night from all distances within three hundred fifty (350) feet to one hundred (100) feet from the vehicle when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.63-1994, SEC.3.

IC 9-19-6-5 Version b

New vehicles; rear reflectors

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) through (d), a new motor vehicle sold and operated upon a highway, other than a truck-tractor, must carry on the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two (2) red reflectors.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a motorcycle and motor driven cycle must carry at least one (1) reflector meeting the requirements of this section.

(c) A motorcycle manufactured before January 1, 1956, is not required to carry a reflector under this section if the motorcycle is not operated at the times when lighted head lamps and other illuminating devices are required under IC 9-21-7-2.

(d) A vehicle of the type listed in section 7 of this chapter must be equipped with reflectors as required in those sections applicable to those vehicles.

(e) A reflector must be mounted on a vehicle at a height not less than twenty (20) inches and not more than sixty (60) inches as measured in the manner set forth in section 2(b) of this chapter. Except as otherwise provided, a reflector must be of the size and characteristics and mounted so as to be visible at night from all distances within three hundred fifty (350) feet to one hundred (100) feet from the vehicle when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.63-1994, SEC.3; P.L.221-2014, SEC.30.

IC 9-19-6-6 Version a

Selling or operating vehicles without turn signals or stoplights

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person may not:

- (1) sell; or
- (2) drive on the highways;

in Indiana a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle unless the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) stoplight meeting the requirements of section 17 of this chapter.

(b) A motorcycle manufactured before January 1, 1956, is not required to be equipped with a stoplight under subsection (a) if the motorcycle is not operated at the times when lighted head lamps and other illuminating devices are required under IC 9-21-7-2.

(c) This subsection does not apply to a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle. A person may not:

- (1) sell;
- (2) offer for sale; or
- (3) operate on the highways;

a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered in Indiana and manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1956, unless the vehicle is equipped with mechanical or electrical turn signals meeting the requirements of section 17 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.63-1994, SEC.4.

IC 9-19-6-6 Version b

Selling or operating vehicles without turn signals or stoplights

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person may not:

- (1) sell; or
- (2) drive on the highways;

in Indiana a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle or motor driven cycle unless the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) stoplight meeting the requirements of section 17 of this chapter.

(b) A motorcycle manufactured before January 1, 1956, is not required to be equipped with a stoplight under subsection (a) if the motorcycle is not operated at the times when lighted head lamps and other illuminating devices are required under IC 9-21-7-2.

(c) This subsection does not apply to a motorcycle or motor driven cycle. A person may not:

- (1) sell;
- (2) offer for sale; or
- (3) operate on the highways;

a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered in Indiana and manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1956, unless the vehicle is equipped with mechanical or electrical turn signals meeting the

requirements of section 17 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.63-1994, SEC.4; P.L.221-2014, SEC.31.

IC 9-19-6-7

Buses, trucks, truck-tractors, trailers, and semitrailers

Sec. 7. In addition to other equipment required in this chapter, the following vehicles must be equipped as follows, under the conditions stated in IC 9-21-7-2(b):

- (1) On a bus or truck the following:
 - (A) On the rear, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at each side.
 - (B) On the rear, one (1) stoplight.
- (2) On a bus or truck that is at least eighty (80) inches in overall width, in addition to the requirements in subdivision (1), the following:
 - (A) On the front, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 - (B) On the rear, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 - (C) On each side, two (2) side marker lamps, one (1) at or near the front end and one (1) at or near the rear.
 - (D) On each side, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at or near the front and one (1) at or near the rear.
- (3) On a truck-tractor, the following:
 - (A) On the front, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 - (B) On the rear, one (1) stoplight.
- (4) On a trailer or semitrailer having a gross weight greater than three thousand (3,000) pounds, the following:
 - (A) On the front, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 - (B) On each side, two (2) side marker lamps, one (1) at or near the front and one (1) at or near the rear.
 - (C) On each side, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at or near the front and one (1) at or near the rear.
 - (D) On the rear, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 - (E) On the rear, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at each side.
 - (F) On the rear, one (1) stoplight.
- (5) On a pole trailer greater than three thousand (3,000) pounds gross weight, the following:
 - (A) On each side, one (1) side marker lamp and one (1) clearance lamp, which may be in combination, to show to the front, side, and rear.
 - (B) On the rear of the pole trailer or load, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at each side.
- (6) On a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer weighing not more than three thousand (3,000) pounds gross weight, the following:
 - (A) On the rear, two (2) reflectors, one (1) on each side.
 - (B) If a trailer or semitrailer is loaded or is of the dimensions

that obscure the stoplight on the towing vehicle, one (1) stoplight.

(7) On a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination equipped with a B-train assembly (as defined in IC 9-13-2-13), the assembly must have at least the following:

(A) On the rear, two (2) reflectors.

(B) On the rear, one (1) operable tail lamp.

(C) On the rear, one (1) operable brake lamp.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-1991, SEC.89.

IC 9-19-6-8

Clearance and marker lamps and reflectors; color displayed or reflected

Sec. 8. (a) A front clearance lamp, marker lamp, and reflector mounted on the front or on the side near the front of a vehicle must display or reflect an amber color.

(b) A rear clearance lamp, marker lamp, and reflector mounted on the rear or on the sides near the rear of a vehicle must display or reflect a red color.

(c) A lighting device and reflector mounted on the rear of a vehicle must display or reflect a red color, except as follows:

(1) The stoplight or other signal device may be red, amber, or yellow.

(2) The light illuminating the license plate must be white.

(3) The light emitted by a back-up lamp must be white or amber.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-9

Clearance and marker lamps; height and location

Sec. 9. (a) A reflector required by section 7 of this chapter must be mounted at a height not less than twenty-four (24) inches and not more than sixty (60) inches above the ground on which the vehicle stands. However, if the highest part of the permanent structure of the vehicle is less than twenty-four (24) inches, the reflector must be mounted as high as that part of the permanent structure will permit. The rear reflectors on a pole trailer may be mounted on each side of the bolster or load. A required red reflector on the rear of a vehicle may be incorporated with the tail lamp, but the reflector must meet all the other reflector requirements of this chapter.

(b) A clearance lamp must be mounted on the permanent structure of a vehicle in such a manner as to indicate the vehicle's extreme width and as near the top of the vehicle as practicable. A clearance lamp and side marker lamp may be mounted in combination, provided illumination is given as required in this chapter with reference to both lamps.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-10

Clearance and marker lamps and reflectors; illumination and visibility

Sec. 10. (a) A reflector upon a vehicle referred to in section 7 of this chapter must be of the size and characteristics and maintained so as to be readily visible at nighttime from all distances within six hundred (600) feet to one hundred (100) feet from the vehicle when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of head lamps. A reflector required to be mounted on the side of a vehicle must reflect the required color of light to the sides, and a reflector mounted on the rear must reflect a red color to the rear.

(b) A front or rear clearance lamp must be capable of being seen and distinguished under normal atmospheric conditions at the times lights are required under IC 9-21-7-2 at a distance of five hundred (500) feet from the front and rear, respectively, of the vehicle.

(c) A side marker lamp must be capable of being seen and distinguished under normal atmospheric conditions at the times lights are required under IC 9-21-7-2 at a distance of five hundred (500) feet from the side of the vehicle on which the side marker lamps are mounted.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-1991, SEC.90.

IC 9-19-6-11

Farm equipment and tractors manufactured before July 1, 2006

Sec. 11. (a) This section does not apply to:

- (1) an implement of husbandry; or
- (2) a farm tractor;

manufactured after June 30, 2006.

(b) A farm tractor and a self-propelled farm equipment unit or an implement of agriculture designed to be operated primarily in a farm field or on farm premises, if operated on a highway and not equipped with an electric lighting system, must at all times required by IC 9-21-7-2 be equipped with the following:

- (1) At least one (1) lamp displaying a white light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the front of the vehicle.
- (2) At least one (1) lamp displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear of the vehicle.
- (3) Two (2) red reflectors visible from a distance of one hundred (100) feet to six hundred (600) feet to the rear when illuminated by the upper beams of head lamps.

The lights required by this subsection must be positioned so that one (1) lamp showing to the front and one (1) lamp or reflector showing to the rear will indicate the furthest projection of the tractor, unit, or implement on the side of the road used in passing the vehicle.

(c) A combination of farm tractor and towed unit of farm equipment or implement of agriculture designed to be operated primarily in a farm field or on farm premises, if operated on a highway and not equipped with an electric lighting system, must at all times required by IC 9-21-7-2 be equipped with two (2) red reflectors that meet the following requirements:

- (1) Are visible from a distance of one hundred (100) feet to six

hundred (600) feet to the rear when illuminated by the upper beams of head lamps.

(2) Are mounted in a manner so as to indicate as nearly as practicable the extreme left and right rear projections of the towed unit or implement on the highway.

(d) A farm tractor and a self-propelled unit of farm equipment or an implement of agriculture designed to be operated primarily in a farm field or on farm premises, if operated on a highway and equipped with an electric lighting system, must at all times required by IC 9-21-7-2 be equipped with the following:

(1) Two (2) single-beam or multiple-beam head lamps meeting the requirements of section 20 or 21 of this chapter or IC 9-21-7-9.

(2) Two (2) red lamps visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear, or in the alternative one (1) red lamp visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear and two (2) red reflectors visible from a distance of one hundred (100) feet to six hundred (600) feet to the rear when illuminated by the upper beams of head lamps.

The red lamps or reflectors must be mounted in the rear of the farm tractor or self-propelled implement of agriculture so as to indicate as nearly as practicable the extreme left and right projections of the vehicle on the highways.

(e) A combination of farm tractor and towed farm equipment or towed implement of agriculture designed to be operated primarily in a farm field or on farm premises, if operated on a highway and equipped with an electric lighting system, must at all times required by IC 9-21-7-2 be equipped as follows:

(1) The farm tractor element of each combination must be equipped with two (2) single-beam or multiple-beam head lamps meeting the requirements of section 20 or 21 of this chapter or IC 9-21-7-9.

(2) The towed unit of farm equipment or implement of agriculture element of each combination must be equipped with the following:

(A) Two (2) red lamps visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear, or as an alternative one (1) red lamp visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear.

(B) Two (2) red reflectors visible from a distance of one hundred (100) feet to six hundred (600) feet to the rear when illuminated by the upper beams of head lamps.

The red lamps or reflectors must be located so as to indicate as nearly as practicable the extreme left and right rear projections of the towed unit or implement on the highway.

(3) A combination of farm tractor and towed farm equipment or towed implement of agriculture equipped with an electric lighting system must be equipped with the following:

(A) A lamp displaying a white or an amber light, or any shade of color between white and amber visible from a

distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the front.

(B) A lamp displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear.

The lamps must be installed or capable of being positioned so as to indicate to the front and rear the furthest projection of that combination on the side of the road used by other vehicles in passing that combination.

(f) A farm tractor, a self-propelled farm equipment unit, or an implement of agriculture must not display blinding field or flood lights when operated on a highway.

(g) All rear lighting requirements may be satisfied by having a vehicle with flashing lights immediately trail farm equipment in accordance with IC 9-21-7-11.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-1991, SEC.91; P.L.127-1995, SEC.1; P.L.148-2005, SEC.1; P.L.210-2005, SEC.29; P.L.1-2006, SEC.161.

IC 9-19-6-11.3

Implements of husbandry and farm tractors; required equipment when manufactured after June 30, 2006, and operated on a highway

Sec. 11.3. (a) This section applies to the following items manufactured after June 30, 2006, when operated on a highway:

- (1) An implement of husbandry.
- (2) A farm tractor.

(b) An implement of husbandry or a farm tractor listed in subsection (a) must be equipped with:

- (1) head lamps;
- (2) tail lamps;
- (3) work lamps;
- (4) warning lamps;
- (5) extremity lamps;
- (6) turn indicators;
- (7) rear reflectors;
- (8) front and rear conspicuity material; and
- (9) front, rear, and side retroreflective material;

that comply with the standards contained in the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) Standard S279.11 DEC01 or any subsequent standards developed by ASAE at the time the vehicle was manufactured.

As added by P.L.148-2005, SEC.2.

IC 9-19-6-12

Rear reflectors; vehicles not otherwise specifically required to have lamps or lighting devices

Sec. 12. (a) This section does not apply to:

- (1) an implement of husbandry; or
- (2) a farm tractor;

manufactured after June 30, 2006.

(b) A vehicle, including an animal-drawn vehicle and a vehicle

referred to in IC 9-19-1-1 not specifically required by this article to be equipped with lamps or other lighting devices, must at all times required by IC 9-21-7-2 be equipped with at least two (2) red reflectors visible from distances of one hundred (100) feet to six hundred (600) feet to the rear when illuminated by the upper beams of head lamps.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-1991, SEC.92; P.L.148-2005, SEC.3.

IC 9-19-6-13

Spot lamps

Sec. 13. A motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two (2) spot lamps. A lighted spot lamp must be aimed and used when approaching another vehicle so that no part of the high intensity part of the beam will be directed to the left of the prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle or more than one hundred (100) feet ahead of the vehicle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-14

Fog lamps

Sec. 14. A motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two (2) fog lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than twelve (12) inches and not more than thirty (30) inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. The fog lamps must be aimed so that when the vehicle is not loaded, none of the high-intensity part of the light to the left of the center of the vehicle will at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead project higher than a level of four (4) inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which the light comes. Lighted fog lamps meeting these requirements may be used with lower head lamp beams as specified in section 20(2) of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-15

Auxiliary passing lamps

Sec. 15. A motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than one (1) auxiliary passing lamp mounted on the front at a height not less than twenty-four (24) inches and not more than forty-two (42) inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. Section 20 of this chapter applies to any combination of head lamps and auxiliary passing lamp.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-16

Auxiliary driving lamps

Sec. 16. A motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than one (1) auxiliary driving lamp mounted on the front at a height not less than sixteen (16) inches and not more than forty-two (42) inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. Section 20 of

this chapter applies to any combination of head lamps and auxiliary driving lamp.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-17

Stop lamps and turn signals; color, visibility, and operation

Sec. 17. (a) A motor vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this chapter must be equipped, with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle that:

- (1) displays a red or an amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred (100) feet to the rear in normal sunlight;
- (2) will be actuated upon application of the service (foot) brake; and
- (3) may be incorporated with at least one (1) other rear lamp.

(b) A motor vehicle may be equipped and when required under this chapter must be equipped with lamps or mechanical signal devices showing to the front and rear for the purpose of indicating an intention to turn either to the right or left. If lamps are used for this purpose, the lamps showing to the front must be located on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and when in use must display a white or an amber light, or any shade of color between white and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred (100) feet to the front in normal sunlight. The lamps showing to the rear must be located at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and when in use must display a red or an amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred (100) feet to the rear in normal sunlight. When actuated the lamps must indicate the intended direction of turning by flashing the lights showing to the front and rear on the side toward which the turn is made. If mechanical signal devices are used for this purpose, the devices must be self-illuminated when in use at the times required by IC 9-21-7-2.

(c) A stop lamp or signal lamp or device may not project a glaring light.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-1991, SEC.93.

IC 9-19-6-18

Fender lamps; running-board courtesy lamps; back-up lamps

Sec. 18. (a) A motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two (2) side cowl or fender lamps that emit an amber or a white light without glare.

(b) A motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than one (1) running-board courtesy lamp on each side that emits a white or an amber light without glare.

(c) A motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two (2) back-up lamps either separately or in combination with other lamps. However, a back-up lamp must not be lighted when the motor vehicle is in forward motion.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-19

Flashing warning lights

Sec. 19. (a) A vehicle may be equipped with lamps that may be used for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing. The vehicles, when so equipped, may display the warning in addition to any other warning signals required by this article.

(b) A lamp used to display a warning to the front must be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and must display simultaneously flashing white or amber lights or any shade of color between white and amber.

(c) A lamp used to display a warning to the rear must be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and must show simultaneously flashing amber or red lights or any shade of color between red and amber.

(d) A warning light must be visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night.

(e) A motor vehicle used to transport operating crew members may display a lamp placed on the top of the motor vehicle with simultaneously flashing yellow or amber lights that must be visible as set forth in subsection (d).

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.183-2005, SEC.4.

IC 9-19-6-20 Version a

Multiple-beam road lighting equipment

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 20. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the head lamps, the auxiliary driving lamp, the auxiliary passing lamp, or a combination of these lamps on motor vehicles, other than motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, must be arranged so that the driver may select between distributions of light projected to different elevations. The lamps may, in addition, be arranged so that the selection can be made automatically, subject to the following limitations:

(1) There must be an uppermost distribution of light, or composite beam, aimed and of an intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least three hundred fifty (350) feet ahead for all conditions of loading.

(2) There must be a lowermost distribution of light, or composite beam, aimed and of an intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet ahead. On a straight level road, under any condition of loading, none of the high-intensity part of the beam may be directed to strike the eyes of an approaching driver.

(3) A new motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, registered in Indiana after January 1, 1956, that has multiple-beam road lighting equipment must be equipped with a beam indicator that must be lighted whenever

the uppermost distribution of light from the head lamps is in use. The beam indicator must not otherwise be lighted. The beam indicator must be designed and located so that when lighted the indicator is readily visible without glare to the driver of the vehicle so equipped.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-20 Version b

Multiple-beam road lighting equipment

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 20. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the head lamps, the auxiliary driving lamp, the auxiliary passing lamp, or a combination of these lamps on motor vehicles, other than motorcycles or motor driven cycles, must be arranged so that the driver may select between distributions of light projected to different elevations. The lamps may, in addition, be arranged so that the selection can be made automatically, subject to the following limitations:

(1) There must be an uppermost distribution of light, or composite beam, aimed and of an intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least three hundred fifty (350) feet ahead for all conditions of loading.

(2) There must be a lowermost distribution of light, or composite beam, aimed and of an intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet ahead. On a straight level road, under any condition of loading, none of the high-intensity part of the beam may be directed to strike the eyes of an approaching driver.

(3) A new motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or motor driven cycle, registered in Indiana after January 1, 1956, that has multiple-beam road lighting equipment must be equipped with a beam indicator that must be lighted whenever the uppermost distribution of light from the head lamps is in use. The beam indicator must not otherwise be lighted. The beam indicator must be designed and located so that when lighted the indicator is readily visible without glare to the driver of the vehicle so equipped.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.32.

IC 9-19-6-21

Single-beam road lighting equipment

Sec. 21. Head lamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light are permitted on motor vehicles manufactured and sold before March 9, 1956, instead of the multiple-beam road-lighting equipment specified in this chapter, if the single distribution of light meets the following requirements:

(1) The head lamps must be aimed so that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity part of the light will:

(A) at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead, project

higher than a level of five (5) inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which light comes; and

(B) at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet ahead, project higher than forty-two (42) inches above the level on which the vehicle stands.

(2) The intensity must be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-22 Version a

Motorcycles; head lamps

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 22. (a) The head lamp or head lamps upon a motor-driven cycle may be of the single-beam or multiple-beam type.

(b) A head lamp on a motor-driven cycle must be of sufficient intensity to reveal a person or a vehicle at a distance of not less than:

(1) one hundred (100) feet when the motor-driven cycle is operated at a speed of less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour;

(2) two hundred (200) feet when the motor-driven cycle is operated at a speed of at least twenty-five (25) miles per hour; and

(3) three hundred (300) feet when the motor-driven cycle is operated at a speed of at least thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(c) If a motor-driven cycle is equipped with a multiple beam head lamp, the upper beam must meet the minimum requirements set forth in this section and must not exceed the limitations set forth in section 20(1) of this chapter and the lowermost distribution of light as set forth in section 20(2) of this chapter.

(d) If a motor-driven cycle is equipped with a single beam lamp, the lamp must be aimed so that when the vehicle is loaded none of the high-intensity part of the light will, at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead, project higher than the level of the center of the lamp from which the light comes.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-22 Version b

Motorcycles; head lamps

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 22. (a) The head lamp or head lamps upon a motorcycle or motor driven cycle may be of the single-beam or multiple-beam type.

(b) A head lamp on a motorcycle or motor driven cycle must be of sufficient intensity to reveal a person or a vehicle at a distance of not less than:

(1) one hundred (100) feet when the motorcycle or motor driven cycle is operated at a speed of less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour;

(2) two hundred (200) feet when the motorcycle or motor driven cycle is operated at a speed of at least twenty-five (25) miles per

hour; and

(3) for a motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle, three hundred (300) feet when the motorcycle or motor driven cycle is operated at a speed of at least thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(c) If a motorcycle or motor driven cycle is equipped with a multiple beam head lamp, the upper beam must meet the minimum requirements set forth in this section and must not exceed the limitations set forth in section 20(1) of this chapter and the lowermost distribution of light as set forth in section 20(2) of this chapter.

(d) If a motorcycle or motor driven cycle is equipped with a single beam lamp, the lamp must be aimed so that when the vehicle is loaded none of the high-intensity part of the light will, at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead, project higher than the level of the center of the lamp from which the light comes.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.33.

IC 9-19-6-23

Standards and specifications

Sec. 23. (a) The Indiana department of transportation shall adopt standards and specifications applicable to:

- (1) head lamps;
- (2) clearance lamps;
- (3) identification lamps; and
- (4) other lamps;

on snow removal equipment when operated on Indiana highways instead of the lamps otherwise required on motor vehicles by this chapter.

(b) The standards and specifications adopted under subsection (a) may permit the use of flashing lights for purposes of identification on snow removal equipment when in service upon the highways.

(c) The standards and specifications for lamps referred to in this section must correlate with and, so far as possible, conform with those approved by the American Association of State Highway Officials.

(d) A person may not operate snow-removal equipment on a highway unless the lamps on the equipment comply with and are lighted when and as required by the standards and specifications adopted under this section.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

IC 9-19-6-24

United States Department of Transportation regulations; classification of violations

Sec. 24. (a) This section does not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles that:

- (1) contains parts and accessories; and
- (2) is equipped;

as required under regulations of the United States Department of Transportation.

(b) A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C

infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.