

## **IC 9-21-15**

### **Chapter 15. Disabled Vehicles**

#### **IC 9-21-15-1**

##### **Application of chapter**

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the following vehicles:

- (1) A motor truck.
- (2) A passenger bus.
- (3) A truck tractor.
- (4) A trailer.
- (5) A semitrailer.
- (6) A pole trailer.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-15-2**

##### **Traveled portion of highway or shoulder during time when lights are required; warning devices; requirements**

Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 6 of this chapter, whenever a vehicle is disabled upon the traveled portion of a highway or the shoulder of a highway outside of a municipality at a time when lighted lamps are required on vehicles, the person who drives the vehicle shall display the following warning devices upon the highway during the time the vehicle is disabled on the highway:

(1) A lighted fusee, a lighted red electric lantern, or a portable red emergency reflector must be immediately placed at the traffic side of the vehicle in the direction of the nearest approaching traffic.

(2) As soon as possible within the burning period of a fusee (fifteen (15) minutes), the person shall place three (3) liquid-burning flares (pot torches), three (3) lighted red electric lanterns, or three (3) portable red emergency reflectors on the traveled part of the highway in the following order:

(A) One (1) device approximately one hundred (100) feet from the disabled vehicle in the center of the lane occupied by the vehicle and toward traffic approaching in that lane.

(B) One (1) device approximately one hundred (100) feet in the opposite direction from the disabled vehicle and in the center of the traffic lane occupied by the vehicle.

(C) One (1) device at the traffic side of the disabled vehicle not less than ten (10) feet behind and not more than ten (10) feet in front of the vehicle in the direction of the nearest approaching traffic. If a lighted red electric lantern or a red portable emergency reflector has been placed at the traffic side of the vehicle under subdivision (1), the lantern or reflector may be used for this purpose.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-15-3**

**Vehicle within 500 feet of a curve, hillcrest, or other obstruction; warning signals; requirements**

Sec. 3. If a vehicle is disabled within five hundred (500) feet of a curve, hillcrest, or other obstruction to view, the warning signal in that direction shall be placed to afford ample warning to other users of the highway. The warning signal may not be placed less than five hundred (500) feet from the disabled vehicle.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

**IC 9-21-15-4**

**Divided highways during time when lights are required; warning devices; requirements**

Sec. 4. Whenever a vehicle is disabled upon a roadway of a divided highway during the time that lights are required, the warning devices prescribed in sections 2 and 6 of this chapter shall be placed as follows:

- (1) One (1) device at a distance of approximately two hundred (200) feet from the vehicle in the center of the lane occupied by the stopped vehicle and in the direction of traffic approaching in that lane.
- (2) One (1) device at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet from the vehicle, in the center of the lane occupied by the vehicle and in the direction of traffic approaching that lane.
- (3) One (1) device at the traffic side of the vehicle and approximately ten (10) feet from the vehicle in the direction of the nearest approaching traffic.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

**IC 9-21-15-5**

**Traveled portion of highway or shoulder during time when lights are not required; warning devices; requirements**

Sec. 5. Whenever a vehicle is disabled upon the traveled part of the highway or the shoulder of the highway outside of a municipality at a time when the display of fusees, flares, red electric lanterns, or portable red emergency reflectors is not required under this chapter, the person who drives the vehicle shall display two (2) red flags upon the roadway in the lane of traffic occupied by the disabled vehicle as follows:

- (1) One (1) flag at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet in advance of the vehicle.
- (2) One (1) flag at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet to the rear of the vehicle.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

**IC 9-21-15-6**

**Vehicles used in transportation of flammable materials or vehicles using such materials as fuel; warning devices; requirements; prohibited devices**

Sec. 6. (a) This section applies to the following:

- (1) A motor vehicle used in the transportation of explosives.
- (2) A cargo truck used for the transportation of a flammable liquid or compressed flammable gas.
- (3) A motor vehicle that uses compressed gas as a fuel.

(b) Whenever a motor vehicle is disabled upon a highway at a time or place described in section 2 of this chapter, the person who drives the vehicle shall immediately display the following warning devices:

- (1) One (1) red electric lantern or portable red emergency reflector placed on the roadway at the traffic side of the vehicle.
- (2) One (1) red electric lantern or portable red reflector placed approximately one hundred (100) feet to the front and one (1) placed approximately one hundred (100) feet to the rear of the disabled vehicle in the center of the traffic lane occupied by the vehicle.

(c) A flare, fusee, or signal produced by flame may not be used as a warning device for a disabled vehicle under this section.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-15-7**

##### **Warning devices; rules and regulations; law governing**

Sec. 7. A flare, fusee, red electric lantern, portable red emergency reflector, and flag to be displayed under this chapter must conform with the requirements of IC 9-19.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-15-8**

##### **Violations; Class C infraction**

Sec. 8. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

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