

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1086

Introduced by: Representatives Kooistra, Hennies, and Koehn and Senator Daugaard

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions relating to lights on slow-  
2 moving vehicles.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-15-20 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-15-20. All farm machinery, including animal drawn vehicles, and highway construction  
6 and maintenance vehicles which are designed for operation at a rate of speed of twenty-five miles  
7 per hour or less or such vehicles when operated at speeds of twenty-five miles per hour or less,  
8 when operated on a public highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem. ~~Said~~ The  
9 slow-moving vehicle emblem shall be mounted on the rear of a slow-moving vehicle in such a  
10 position and condition as to be clearly visible. The slow-moving vehicle may only be operated  
11 during daylight hours unless the vehicle is equipped with lights pursuant to § 32-17-8. A  
12 violation of this section is a petty offense.

13 Section 2. That § 32-17-8 be amended to read as follows:

14 32-17-8. Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, except as otherwise  
15 provided in this section, and any other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a combination  
16 of vehicles shall be equipped with at least two tail lamps mounted on the rear, which when  
17 lighted as required in § 32-17-4 shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of one

1 thousand feet to the rear. However, motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers  
2 manufactured and assembled prior to July 1, 1973, shall have one tail lamp mounted on the left  
3 side of the rear which when lighted as required in § 32-17-4 shall emit a red light plainly visible  
4 from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear. Motorcycles and motor driven cycles, except  
5 mopeds as defined in § 32-20-1, shall have at least one tail lamp, which when lighted as required  
6 in § 32-17-4 shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear.  
7 Mopeds shall have at least one tail lamp which when lighted as required in § 32-17-4 shall emit  
8 a red light plainly visible from a distance of two hundred fifty feet to the rear. ~~Farm vehicles~~  
9 ~~which are being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles may be equipped with two four-inch~~  
10 ~~reflectors in lieu of lighted lamps as provided in this section so as to exhibit a red light plainly~~  
11 ~~visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear. On a combination of vehicles, only the~~  
12 ~~tail lamps on the rearmost vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified. On vehicles~~  
13 with more than one tail lamp, the lamps shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced  
14 laterally as practicable. Every tail lamp upon every vehicle shall be located at a height of not  
15 more than seventy-two inches nor less than fifteen inches. A violation of this section is a petty  
16 offense.