and any other lamp which illuminates the registration or license plate shall be wired so that they are lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.

4. Incorporation of reflectors and stoplights. Red reflectors may be incorporated in tail lamps, as provided in section 6.43 of this title; and also stoplights, as provided in section 6.45 of this title.

Prior legislation: 1957-58 Supp. 37:592; L. 1956-57, ch. XXXIV, art. XXX, §§5(a), (b), (c), 6(a) in part, 18(i).

§6.42. Tail lamps for farm tractors.

Despite the exemption set forth in section 6.3 of this title, every farm tractor equipped with an electric lighting system shall have mounted on the rear a red tail lamp which complies with the requirements of section 6.41 of this title.


§6.43. Reflectors required.

No person shall sell any motor vehicle made after March 1, 1957, and no person shall operate any such vehicle, unless it carries at the rear two red reflectors, complying with the requirements of section 6.44 of this title, which reflectors may be part of the tail lamps or separate therefrom; provided, however, that motorcycles are required to have only one reflector; and provided, further, that sections 6.49-6.52 of this title shall apply to the types of vehicles therein specified.


§6.44. Specifications for reflectors.

1. Height of mounting. The reflectors shall be mounted on the rear of every vehicle at a height of not less than 20 nor more than 60 inches from the ground.

2. Visibility. The reflectors shall be red, and shall be of such size and characteristics and so mounted that they shall be visible at night at all distances between 50 and 300 feet from the vehicle on which they are mounted when they are directly in front of the lawful upper
beams of another vehicle’s head lamps; provided, however, that visibility for a greater distance shall be required for certain vehicles as provided in other sections of this subchapter.


§6.45. Stoplights required.

No person shall sell any motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, made after March 1, 1957, and no person shall operate any such vehicle unless the vehicle is equipped with a stoplight which conforms to the requirements of section 6.46 of this title.


§6.46. Specifications for stoplights.

1. Mounting. The stoplight shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. It may be incorporated with the tail lamp.

2. Operation. The stoplight shall emit a red or yellow light and shall be actuated by application of the foot (service) brake.

3. Visibility. The stoplight shall be plainly visible from a distance of 100 feet to the rear of the vehicle at all times of the day and night, but it shall not emit a glaring or dazzling light.


§6.47. Turn signals required.

All motor vehicles shall be equipped with signal lights or devices indicating an intention to turn to either the right or the left and conforming to the requirements of section 6.48 of this section.


§6.48. Specifications for turn signals.

1. Type. Turn signals may be either lights or self-illuminating mechanical devices.
2. Visibility. Turn signals shall be visible from a distance of 100 feet to both the front and rear of the vehicle, but no signal light shall be dazzling or glaring.


§6.49. Required lighting equipment for buses and trucks.

1. Buses and trucks of all sizes. Every bus or truck, whatever its size, shall be equipped with the following in addition to all other equipment required by this subchapter: four directional lights or turn signals, one on each front fender and one on each side of the rear in a visible position above each of the tail lights; and on the rear, in the most prominent locations, four reflectors, and one or more stoplights.

2. Buses and trucks over certain width. Every bus or truck more than 80 inches in overall width shall have, in addition to other required equipment: on the front, two clearance lights, one on each side; on the rear, two clearance lights, one on each side; on each side, two side marker lights, one at or near the front and the other at or near the rear; on each side, two reflectors, one at or near the front and the other at or near the rear.


§6.50. Required lighting equipment for truck tractors.

Every truck tractor shall be equipped with: on the front, two clearance lights, one on each side; on the rear, one stoplight.


§6.51. Required lighting equipment for trailers.

1. For trailers generally. Every trailer shall be equipped with the following in addition to all other equipment required by this subchapter; four directional lights or turn signals, one on each front fender and one on each side at the rear in a visible position above each of the tail lights; and on the rear in the most prominent locations, four reflectors.
2. For trailers and semitrailers over certain weight. Every trailer or semitrailer having a gross weight of more than 3,000 pounds shall be equipped with: on the front, two clearance lights, one on each side; on each side, two side marker lights, one at or near the front and the other at or near the rear; on each side, two reflectors, one at or near the front and the other at or near the rear; on the rear, two clearance lights, one on each side; and one stoplight.

3. For pole trailers over certain weight. Every pole trailer having a gross weight of more than 3,000 pounds shall be equipped on each side with one side marker light and one clearance light, which may be in combination, and which shall be visible from the front, side, and rear.

4. Trailers under certain weight. Every trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer having a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less shall have on the rear one stoplight if the trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is so loaded or of such dimensions that the stoplight of the towing vehicle is obscured.


§6.52. Required lighting for vans and carryalls.

Every van and carryall shall be equipped with the following in addition to all other equipment required by this subchapter: four directional lights or turn signals, one on each front fender and one on each side at the rear in a visible position above each of the tail lights; and on the rear in the most prominent locations, four reflectors.


§6.53. Specifications for reflectors for certain vehicles.

1. Application of section. The reflectors required by sections 6.49, 6.51, and 6.52 of this title shall comply with the requirements set forth in this section.

2. Color. Reflectors mounted on the front or on the side near the front shall reflect an amber color. Reflectors mounted on the rear or on the sides near the rear shall reflect a red color.

3. Height of mounting. Reflectors shall be mounted at a height of not less than 24 nor more than 60 inches from the ground or on the
highest part of the permanent structure of the vehicle as high as possible on that part; but in no case shall they be less than 24 inches from the ground.

4. **Location on pole trailers.** Rear reflectors on a pole trailer may be mounted on each side of the bolster or load.

5. **Incorporation with tail light.** Any required red reflector on the rear of a vehicle may be incorporated with the tail light, but such reflector shall nevertheless meet all requirements of this subchapter.

6. **Visibility.** Every reflector shall be of such size and characteristic and so mounted and maintained that it is visible at night at any distance between 50 and 500 feet from the vehicle when the lawful upper beams of another vehicle's head lamps are directed at it. Every reflector required to be mounted on the side of a vehicle shall reflect the required amber color to the side of such vehicle, and every reflector mounted on the rear of a vehicle shall reflect the required red color to the rear.


§6.54. **Requirements for clearance and marker lights for certain vehicles.**

1. **Application of section.** The clearance and marker lights required by sections 6.49, 6.50, and 6.51 of this title shall comply with the requirements set forth in this section.

2. **When clearance and side marker lights to be lighted.** Clearance and side marker lights shall be lighted at the times stated in section 6.30 of this title, except when the vehicle on which they are mounted is operated within a municipality where there is sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of 500 feet on the highway.

3. **Color.** Clearance and marker lights mounted on the front or at the side near the front shall display an amber color. Clearance and marker lights mounted on the rear or on the sides near the rear shall display a red color.

4. **Mounting.** Clearance lights shall be mounted on the permanent structure of a vehicle as near the top as possible and in such a manner as to indicate its extreme width.

5. **Combination mounting.** Clearance lights and side marker lights
may be mounted in combination provided that each separately pro-
vides the illumination required of it by paragraph 6 of this section.

6. Visibility. Front and rear clearance lights shall be visible and dis-
tinguishable under normal atmospheric conditions at all times when
such lights are required at a distance of 500 feet from the vehicle on
which they are mounted.

art. XXX, §§8, 10, 11(b), 12.

§6.55. Color of lights on rear of vehicle.

All lighting devices mounted on the rear of any vehicle shall display
a red color; provided, however, that a stoplight or turn signal may be
red, amber, or yellow; and provided further, that the light which il-
 luminates the license or registration plate and the light emitted by the
reversing or backup light shall be white.

XXX, §10(c).

§6.56. Lights required on vehicles operated in combination.

When vehicles are operated in combination during periods when
lamps are required to be lighted, no lamp on any vehicle in the com-
bination is required to be lighted if it would be obscured by another
vehicle of the combination; provided, however, that this exemption
does not apply to (a) tail lamps, nor to (b) clearance lights on the
front of the first vehicle of the combination and on the rear of the last
vehicle of the combination.

XXX, §13.

§6.57. Lights on loads extending beyond rear of vehicle.

Whenever the load on any vehicle extends four feet or more beyond
the rear of the body of such vehicle, there shall be displayed at the
rear end of the load, at all times when lighted lamps are required, a
red lamp or lantern visible for a distance of at least 500 feet to the
sides and rear of the vehicle. Such red lamp or lantern shall be in addi-
tion to all other lighting equipment required by this subchapter. At
times when lighted lamps are not required, a red flag shall be displayed in accordance with the provisions of section 7.7 of this title.


§6.58. Required lamps for other vehicles.

All vehicles, including animal-drawn vehicles, not hereinbefore specified in this subchapter shall be equipped with at least one lamp or lantern which emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet in front of the vehicle and with a lamp or lantern which emits a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear. Such lamps or lanterns shall be lighted at all times prescribed in section 6.30 of this title.


§6.59. Auxiliary lighting equipment

1. **Permitted equipment.** Any motor vehicle may be equipped with any of the lighting equipment listed below, provided that such equipment complies with the requirements of this chapter and the specific requirements set forth in this section:

   (a) Not more than one spotlight; provided, however, that when a vehicle, with a lighted spotlight approaches or is approached by another vehicle, the spotlight shall be aimed and used so that (i) no part of the high-intensity portion of the beam is directed more than 100 feet ahead of the vehicle on which the spotlight is mounted, and (ii) no part of the high-intensity portion of the beam is directed farther to the left of the roadway than the forward projection of the extreme left-hand side of the vehicle on which the spotlight is mounted.

   (b) No more than two foglights, which shall be mounted on the front at a height of not less than 12 nor more than 30 inches above the ground. Every foglight shall be so aimed that, when the vehicle is not loaded, no part of the high-intensity portion of the beam to the left of the center of the vehicle shall, at a distance of 25 feet in front of said foglight, project higher than four inches below the center of said foglight.
(c) Not more than one auxiliary passing light, which shall be mounted on the front of the vehicle at a height of not less than 16
nor more than 42 inches above the ground.

(d) Not more than one auxiliary driving light, which shall be mounted on the front of the vehicle at a height of not less than 15
nor more than 42 inches above the ground.

(e) No more than two side cowl or fender lights, which shall emit an amber or white light without glare.

(f) Not more than one running-board courtesy light on each side, which lights shall emit an amber or white light without glare.

(g) No more than two white reverse or backup lights, which may be separate or in combination with other lights; provided, however, that no such light shall be lighted unless the vehicle is moving backwards.

2. Distribution requirements for certain lights. Except as otherwise provided by law, the auxiliary driving light and auxiliary passing light and any combination of either or both of them with the vehicle's head lamps on every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle shall be so arranged that the operator may select at will between distributions of lights projected to different elevations in accordance with the requirements and limitations for multiple-beam head lamps as set forth in section 6.35 of this title.

3. Limitation on number of lights on front of vehicle. Whenever a motor vehicle equipped with head lamps as required by this subchapter is also equipped with auxiliary driving or passing lights, spotlight, or other lights mounted on the front which project a beam of an intensity of more than 300 candlepower, the maximum number of such lamps on the front of the vehicle which shall be lighted at the same hour shall be four.

4. Distance of beam of certain lights. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle other than head lamps, spotlights, auxiliary lights, or flashing front direction-signal which project a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300 candlepower shall be so directed that no part of the beam will strike at the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands more than 75 feet from the vehicle.

Prior legislation: 1957–58 Supp. 37:611; L. 1956–57, ch. XXXIV, art. XXX, §§17, 19, 20(a), (b), (c), (d), 24(b), 25(a).
§6.60. Forbidden lights.

1. Red lights. No person shall operate or move on any highway any vehicle or equipment which displays thereon a red light visible from directly in front of the center thereof; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to authorized police, fire, or other emergency equipment.

2. Flashing lights. Flashing lights are prohibited on all vehicles, except authorized police, fire, and other emergency vehicles, and except as a means of indicating a right or left turn in compliance with the provisions of sections 6.47 and 6.48 of this title.


§6.61. Sale or use of noncomplying lighting equipment prohibited.

1. Approval of prototype by the Minister. No person shall have for sale, sell, or use upon or as part of the equipment of any motor vehicle or trailer of any sort to which the provisions of this title apply any lighting equipment, lamp, or device of the type to which the provisions of this subchapter apply unless a prototype has been approved by the Minister or unless the equipment bears thereon the legible (as of the date of installation) trademark or name under which it has been approved; nor shall any person sell, have for sale, or use upon or as part of the equipment of any such vehicle any such lighting equipment, lamp, or device (or part thereof) which has been changed in either design or performance from the approved original unless a prototype of such changed equipment, lamp, or device (or part thereof) has been submitted to the Minister and approved by him.

2. Bulbs. No person shall use upon any motor vehicle or trailer of any sort to which this title applies any lighting equipment, lamp, or device unless such motor vehicle or trailer is equipped with bulbs of the rated candlepower and mounted and adjusted as to focus and aim so as to comply with the provisions of this subchapter.

Subchapter E. NOISE AND SMOKE SUPPRESSORS

§6.70. Mufflers required.

Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation, which muffler shall be effective to prevent excessive or unusual noise or annoying smoke. No person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass, or similar device upon any motor vehicle.


§6.71. Smoke suppressors.

The engine and power mechanism of every motor vehicle shall be so equipped and adjusted as to prevent the escape of excessive fumes or smoke.


Subchapter F. WINDOWS AND WINDSHIELDS

§6.80. Windshield wiper required.

The windshield of every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain or other moisture from the windshield, which device shall be so constructed that it can be operated or controlled by the vehicle operator. Every windshield wiper on a motor vehicle shall be maintained in good working order.


§6.81. Safety glass required.

1. Application of section. This section shall apply to all passenger vehicles, including passenger buses and school buses, and to all trucks,
including truck tractors, insofar as glass in the doors, windows, and windshield of the driver's compartment is concerned.

2. Requirement of safety glass. No person shall sell any new motor vehicle, nor shall any new motor vehicle be registered, unless it is equipped with safety glass of a type approved by the Minister wherever glass is used in doors, windows, and windshields.

3. Definition of "safety glass." The term "safety glass" shall mean any product composed of glass so manufactured, fabricated, or treated as substantially to prevent shattering and flying of glass when the glass is struck or broken, or such other similar product as may be approved by the Minister.

4. Registration to be denied noncomplying vehicle. The Minister shall compile and publish a list, by name, of the types of glass approved by him as meeting the requirements of this section; and no vehicle subject to the provisions of this section shall be registered unless it is equipped with an approved type of safety glass. The Minister shall hereafter cause to be suspended the registration of any motor vehicle subject to the provisions of this section which is not so equipped until it is brought into conformity therewith.


§6.82. Windows not to be obstructed.

No person shall operate any motor vehicle with any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material on the front windshield, side wings, or ventilator windows, or side or rear windows, in such a position that it obstructs the operator's view of the highway or of any intersecting highway.


Subchapter G. TIRES

§6.85. Amount of rubber required.

Every solid rubber tire on a vehicle shall have rubber on its entire traction surface at least one inch thick above the edge of the flange on the entire periphery.

Subchapter H. MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

§6.90. When mirror required.

Every motor vehicle which is so constructed or loaded that the operator's view to the rear thereof is obstructed shall be equipped with a mirror located so that it reflects to the operator a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle.


Chapter 7. DIMENSIONS, WEIGHTS, AND LOADS OF VEHICLES

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§7.1. Violation of chapter an infraction.

It shall be an infraction for any person to operate, drive, or move, or for the owner to cause or knowingly to permit to be operated, driven,
or moved, any vehicle of a size or weight exceeding the limitations set forth in this chapter or otherwise in violation of the provisions of this chapter. The Minister may deny or suspend registration or refuse renewal of registration of a motor vehicle the dimensions or weight of which are in violation of this chapter.


§7.2. Exceptions to application of chapter.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to fire apparatus, to road machinery, to implements of husbandry, including farm tractors, temporarily moved upon a highway, or to any vehicle operated in accordance with the terms of a special permit as hereinbelow provided.


§7.3. Maximum width allowed.

The total outside width of any vehicle or load thereon shall not exceed eight feet.


§7.4. Maximum excess width of load on passenger vehicles.

No passenger vehicle shall be operated on any highway carrying any load thereon which extends beyond the line of the fenders on the left side nor more than six inches beyond the line of the fenders on the right side of the vehicle.


§7.5. Maximum height.

No vehicle, including any load thereon, shall exceed a height of more than 12 feet, 6 inches.
§7.6. Maximum length of vehicle and load.

1. Maximum length stated. No vehicle, including any load thereon, shall exceed an overall length of 35 feet, inclusive of front and rear bumpers; provided, however, that a bus equipped with three axles shall not exceed an overall length of 40 feet, inclusive of front and rear bumpers.

2. Combination of vehicles. No combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than two units, and no such combination of vehicles, including any load thereon, shall have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of 50 feet, except as otherwise provided in this section.

3. Extension of load beyond vehicle. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this section, the load upon any vehicle operated alone or the load upon a front vehicle of a combination of vehicles shall not extend more than three feet beyond the foremost part of the vehicle; and the load upon a vehicle operated alone or upon the rear vehicle of a combination of vehicles shall not extend more than six feet beyond the body or bed of such vehicle.

4. Loads on pole trailers. The limitations as to length of vehicle and loads as set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this section shall not apply to any pole trailer when transporting poles or pipes or structural material which cannot be dismembered; provided, however, that no pole or pipe or other material exceeding 80 feet in length shall be so transported unless a permit has first been obtained as provided in this chapter.


§7.7. Flag on load extending beyond rear of vehicle.

Whenever the load on any vehicle extends four feet or more beyond the rear of the body of such vehicle, there shall be displayed at the rear end of such load a red flag or cloth not less than 12 inches square, so hung that the entire area is visible to the operator of a vehicle approaching from behind; provided, however, that at all times
when lights are required, the vehicle and its load shall comply with
the provisions as to lights contained in section 6.57 of this title.

Prior legislation: 1957–58 Supp. 37:834(5); L. 1956–57, ch. XXXIV,
art. XXX, §14.

§7.8. Load to be secured.

1. Construction of vehicle. No vehicle shall be operated, driven, or
moved on any highway within the application of this title unless such
vehicle is so constructed and loaded as to prevent any of its load from
dripping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom; provided,
however, that sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction,
and water or other substances may be sprinkled on a roadway
to clean or maintain such roadway. The provision of this section does
not apply to water which may unavoidably drip from the transporta-
tion of coagulated rubber or sand unavoidably dripped from a closed-
body truck.

2. Fastening of load. No person shall operate, drive, or move a
loaded vehicle on any highway unless the load and the cover thereon
are securely fastened so as to prevent the load or covering from be-
coming loose, detached, or in any other manner a hazard to other
users of the highway.

art. XXXI, §6.

§7.9. Maximum weight per axle.

1. Weight stated. The gross weight imposed on a highway by the
wheels of any one axle of a vehicle shall not exceed 18,000 pounds.

2. Definition of axle load. For the purpose of this section, an axle
load is the total load transmitted to the road by all wheels whose
centers are included between two parallel transverse planes 40 inches
apart extending across the full width of the vehicle.

art. XXXI, §8.

§7.10. Maximum gross weight.

1. Weight stated. Subject to the limitations of section 7.9 of this
title, the total gross weight with load imposed upon a highway by
one group of two or more consecutive axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed the gross weight given for the respective distance between the first and last axle of the total group of axles measured longitudinally to the nearest foot, as set forth in the following schedule:

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2. Schedule explained. The portion of the above schedule referring to the distance between the first and last axles up to and including 35 feet is consistent with and has reference to the permissible total length of a vehicle with two axles; up to and including 40 feet, a bus equipped with three axles; and up to and including 50 feet, a combination of vehicles, all as provided in section 7.6 of this title. The portion of the schedule referring to distances in excess of 50 feet constitutes a guide to appropriate weight limits if a special permit is
issued under the provisions of this chapter allowing the operation of a combination of vehicles exceeding a total length of 50 feet; and it shall be applicable if the law permits the operation of a combination of vehicles in excess of 50 feet in length.


§7.11. Special permits.

1. Issuance authorized. Upon a written application and for good cause shown, the Minister may, in his discretion, issue a special written permit authorizing the applicant to operate, drive, or move or to cause to be operated, driven, or moved upon specified public highways a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight or load exceeding the maxima specified in this chapter. If such permit is issued, the Minister may limit the number of trips or establish seasonal or other time limitations within which the vehicle described may be operated on the highways indicated or otherwise limit or prescribe conditions of operation of such vehicle whenever necessary to assure against damage to road foundations, surfaces, or structures; and the Minister may require such bond or security as he may deem necessary to compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure.

2. Contents of application. Every application for a special permit shall specifically describe the vehicle or vehicles to be operated, driven, or moved, and their loads, and the particular highway or highways for which such permit is requested. It shall also state whether the permit is requested for a single trip or for continuous operation.

3. Availability of permit for inspection. Every permit issued in accordance with this section shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles for which it has been issued and shall be made available for inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of the Minister.

4. Compliance with permit. No person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of a special permit granted under the provisions of this section.


1. Compelling vehicle to be weighed. Any police officer who has reason to believe that the weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful is authorized to require the operator of the vehicle to stop and have the vehicle and load weighed on either portable or stationary scales; he may require that such vehicle and load be driven to the nearest police station for weighing if the scales there are within three miles.

2. Lightening load on overweight vehicle. Whenever an officer who weighs a vehicle and load in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 determines that the weight is excessive, he may require the vehicle operator to stop such vehicle in a suitable place and to remain standing until the load is sufficiently lightened to reduce the gross weight of the vehicle and load to the amount permitted by this chapter. All materials unloaded under such circumstances shall be cared for by the owner or operator of the vehicle at his risk.

3. Penalty. Any vehicle operator who fails or refuses to comply with the requirements of this section to stop and have his vehicle weighed, to remain standing until any excess load is removed, or otherwise, is subject to a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.


§7.13. Liability for damage due to excess weight.

Any person who operates, drives, or moves a vehicle which exceeds the legal gross weight on any public highway, even though authorized by permit to do so, shall be liable for all damage such highway may sustain as a result of such operation, driving, or moving. Whenever an operator is not the owner of an overweight vehicle but is operating, driving, or moving such vehicle with the express or implied consent of the owner, the owner and the operator shall be jointly and severally liable for any such damage. Compensation for such damage may be recovered in a civil action brought by the Republic of Liberia.


The Minister shall register every truck, truck tractor, and trailer of every kind for a permissible gross weight not exceeding the limitations set forth in section 7.10 of this title and shall have such weights stamped on the vehicle and indicated as the permissible gross weight. The Minister shall also have inserted on the registration card issued for every such vehicle the gross weight for which it is registered; and if it is a motor vehicle to be used for propelling other vehicles, he shall have inserted separately the total permissible gross weight of such motor vehicle and all the other vehicles to be propelled by it.


§7.15. Special license for operator of overweight vehicle.

The Minister may issue a special license for any person to operate any vehicle or combination of vehicles of a gross weight in excess of that for which registered or in excess of the limitations set forth in section 7.10 of this title.


Chapter 8. INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

§8.1. Inspection as prerequisite for registration.
§8.2. Inspection on demand of police officer.
§8.3. Official inspection stations.
§8.4. False inspections and fraudulent certificates forbidden.

§8.1. Inspection as prerequisite for registration.

1. Inspection required. As a prerequisite for registering or renewing registration of a motor vehicle, the Minister shall require an inspection of such vehicle to determine whether its equipment is in com-
pliance with chapter 6 of this title and is in proper working order, and whether the vehicle may be safely operated upon the highway. Registration shall be granted only if the vehicle has been issued a certificate of inspection and approval by an official station licensed as provided in section 8.3(2) of this title.

2. Payment of inspection fee. Except for motorcycles, motor scooters, and trailers, whose owners are exempt from payment of the inspection fees herein prescribed, before making an inspection, the owner of the inspection station or his agent or employee shall require that the owner of the motor vehicle to be inspected produce a receipt showing payment to the Minister of Finance of the appropriate inspection fee prescribed below:

Commercial vehicles as defined in section 3.80, including
vehicles for hire  $7
Private vehicles  5

3. Issuance of certificate of inspection and approval. When a vehicle within the application of this section has been inspected officially and found to comply with the provisions of chapter 6 of this title and to be safely operable upon the highway, an official certificate of inspection and approval shall be issued upon an official form. Such certificate shall then be forwarded to the Minister. The inspection station shall also issue to the owner of the vehicle a certificate of approval which shall be kept attached to the vehicle in a conspicuous location.

Prior legislation: L. 1977, Act adopting a new Revenue and Finance Law, §1(36:12.42(3)(b)); L. 1972–73, Act to amend the Revenue and Finance Law with respect to license taxes, etc., §7(35:380); L. 1971–72, Act adopting a new Vehicle and Traffic Law, §1(38:8.1); L. 1961–62, ch. XXI(35:380); 1957–58 Supp. 37:800, 801, 802, 804(1), (4), 805, 810; L. 1956–57, ch. XXXIV, art. XXX, §23(1st)(c); §26(2nd)(b), (c),(d); §27; §30(h),(c); art. XXXI, §11(a); art. XXXV, §§2, 3(b).

§8.2. Inspection on demand of police officer.

1. Authority to stop vehicle and require inspection. Any member of the National Police Force and any officer or employee specially designated by the Minister, when a vehicle has been involved in a traffic accident or a moving violation of this title or if he has reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle is unsafe or is not equipped as required by chapter 6 of this title or that its equipment, particularly its