

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Crossing Control Arms

Section 1. Section 14-275c-38 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 14-275a-38. Crossing control arms**

All buses shall be equipped with a crossing control arm mounted on the right end of the front bumper that meets the following requirements:

(1) The crossing control arm shall not open more than ninety (90) degrees nor extend beyond the right side of the bus when deployed and shall deploy and retract upon activation of the stop semaphore. When in the retracted position, the crossing control arm shall align itself parallel to the front bumper. The length of the arm shall be approximately seventy (70) inches or the length of bumper, whichever is less;

(2) The crossing control arm operating mechanism shall be black to match the bumper and the crossing control arm shall be National School Bus Yellow to match the body and stand out when deployed;

(3) The crossing control arm shall present no sharp edges or hazardous projections that could cause injury to students, shall be made of non-corrosive or non-ferrous material and shall meet or exceed SAE J1133; and

(4) An automatic recycling interrupt switch may be installed for temporary disabling of the crossing control arm.

**Statement of purpose:** Purpose: To comply with the mandate in section 44 of P.A. 08-150, which requires the commissioner to establish additional standards and requirements for school bus mounted crossing control arms.

**Summary of main provisions:** The commissioner had adopted school bus construction regulations, including standards and requirements regarding crossing control arms mounted on school bus front bumpers. The mandate applied to new school buses placed into service on and after May 7, 2008, the effective date of the regulation. School buses in service prior to the effective date were to be retrofitted with crossing control arms by September 1, 2008. With the passing of the September 1, 2008, date, the change in the language applying the regulation to "all buses" is appropriate and necessary. Also, technical changes that apply numbers to the requirements are being made.

**Legal effect of the regulation:** The requirements of the current law remain the same.

Be it known that the foregoing regulations are amended as hereinabove stated by the aforesaid agency pursuant to Sec. 14-275c of the General Statutes, after publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on February 24, 2009, of the notice of the proposal to amend such regulations.

Wherefore, the foregoing regulations are hereby amended as hereinabove stated, effective when filed with the Secretary of the State.

In Witness Whereof: April 2, 2009 Robert M. Ward, Commissioner.

Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, Connecticut General Statutes: April 17, 2009.

Approved by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the General Statutes: June 23, 2009.

Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with Sec. 4-172, as amended, of the General Statutes, Secretary of the State: June 26, 2009.