

SB0726



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-201

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-201

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows all drivers, including motorcycle drivers, to at all times modulate the vehicle's head lamp between high and low brightness to signal oncoming drivers of the presence of a hazard, police officer, or radar speed detection area.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 12-201 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-201) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-201)

7 Sec. 12-201. When lighted lamps are required.

8 (a) When operated upon any highway in this State, every
9 motorcycle shall at all times exhibit at least one lighted
10 lamp, showing a white light visible for at least 500 feet in
11 the direction the motorcycle is proceeding. However, in lieu of
12 such lighted lamp, a motorcycle may be equipped with and use a
13 means of modulating the upper beam of the head lamp between
14 high and a lower brightness. No such head lamp shall be
15 modulated, except as provided in subsection (a-5) of this
16 Section or to otherwise comply with this Code, during times
17 when lighted lamps are required for other motor vehicles.

18 (a-5) On all motor vehicles, including motorcycles, which
19 may be equipped with and use a means of modulating the upper
20 beam of the head lamp between high and a lower brightness,
21 drivers may at all times modulate the vehicle's head lamp to
22 signal oncoming drivers of the presence of a hazard, police
23 officer, or radar speed detection area.

1 (b) All ~~other~~ motor vehicles, except motorcycles, shall
2 exhibit at least 2 lighted head lamps, with at least one on
3 each side of the front of the vehicle, which satisfy United
4 States Department of Transportation requirements, showing
5 white lights, including that emitted by high intensity
6 discharge (HID) lamps, or lights of a yellow or amber tint,
7 during the period from sunset to sunrise, at times when rain,
8 snow, fog, or other atmospheric conditions require the use of
9 windshield wipers, and at any other times when, due to
10 insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions,
11 persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible
12 at a distance of 1000 feet. Parking lamps may be used in
13 addition to but not in lieu of such head lamps. Every motor
14 vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer shall also exhibit at least 2
15 lighted lamps, commonly known as tail lamps, which shall be
16 mounted on the left rear and right rear of the vehicle so as to
17 throw a red light visible for at least 500 feet in the reverse
18 direction, except that a truck tractor or road tractor
19 manufactured before January 1, 1968 and all motorcycles need be
20 equipped with only one such tail lamp.

21 (c) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be so
22 constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light a
23 rear registration plate when required and render it clearly
24 legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any tail lamp
25 or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for
26 illuminating a rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to

1 be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps
2 are lighted.

3 (d) A person shall install only head lamps that satisfy
4 United States Department of Transportation regulations and
5 show white light, including that emitted by HID lamps, or light
6 of a yellow or amber tint for use by a motor vehicle.

7 (e) (Blank).

8 (Source: P.A. 96-487, eff. 1-1-10.)