

# SB0263



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/24/2025, by Sen. Robert Peters

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-201

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

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that all motor vehicles with at least 2 lighted head lamps and manufactured after January 1, 2028 shall be equipped with adjustable driving beam systems which satisfy the United States Department of Transportation regulations. Effective January 1, 2026.

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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  
5 changing 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  
12 of such lighted lamp, a motorcycle may be equipped with and use  
13 a 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 to otherwise comply with this Code, during  
16 times when lighted lamps are required for other motor  
17 vehicles.

18 (b) All other motor vehicles shall exhibit at least 2  
19 lighted head lamps, with at least one on each side of the  
20 frontmost of the vehicle, which satisfy United States  
21 Department of Transportation requirements, as set forth in 49  
22 CFR 571.108, showing white lights, including that emitted by  
23 high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, or lights of a yellow or

1     amber tint, during the period from sunset to sunrise, at times  
2     when rain, snow, fog, or other atmospheric conditions require  
3     the use of windshield wipers, and at any other times when, due  
4     to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions,  
5     persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly  
6     discernible at a distance of 1000 feet. Parking lamps may be  
7     used in addition to but not in lieu of such head lamps. Every  
8     motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer shall also exhibit at  
9     least 2 lighted lamps, commonly known as tail lamps, which  
10    shall be mounted on the left rearmost and right rearmost of the  
11    vehicle so as to throw a red light visible for at least 500  
12    feet in the reverse direction, except that a truck tractor or  
13    road tractor manufactured before January 1, 1968 and all  
14    motorcycles need be equipped with only one such tail lamp.

15       (c) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be so  
16    constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light a  
17    rear registration plate when required and render it clearly  
18    legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any tail lamp  
19    or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for  
20    illuminating a rear registration plate, shall be so wired as  
21    to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving  
22    lamps are lighted.

23       (d) A person shall install only head lamps that satisfy  
24    United States Department of Transportation regulations, as set  
25    forth in 49 CFR 571.108, and show white light, including that  
26    emitted by HID lamps, or light of a yellow or amber tint for

1 use by a motor vehicle.

2 (e) (Blank).

3 (f) All motor vehicles with at least 2 lighted head lamps  
4 and manufactured after January 1, 2028 shall be equipped with  
5 adjustable driving beam systems which satisfy the United  
6 States Department of Transportation regulations, as set forth  
7 in 49 CFR 571.108.

8 (Source: P.A. 103-706, eff. 1-1-25.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
10 1, 2026.