

SB1334



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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. Removes language stating that head lamps shall be lighted during the period from sunset to sunrise, at times when rain, snow, fog, or other atmospheric conditions require the use of windshield wipers, and at any other times when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet. Effective January 1, 2020.

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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 to otherwise comply with this Code, during
16 times when lighted lamps are required for other motor vehicles.

17 (b) All other motor vehicles shall exhibit at least 2
18 lighted head lamps, with at least one on each side of the front
19 of the vehicle, which satisfy United States Department of
20 Transportation requirements, showing white lights, including
21 that emitted by high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, or lights
22 of a yellow or amber tint, ~~during the period from sunset to~~
23 ~~sunrise, at times when rain, snow, fog, or other atmospheric~~

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

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

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

25 (e) (Blank).

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

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
2 1, 2020.