



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0160

Introduced 1/14/2009, by Rep. Jim Sacia

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 two headlights must operate with those headlights turned on at all times, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions, rather than during a period of 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 1000 feet. Effective January 1, 2010.

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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, at all times while the motor vehicle
23 is in operation, regardless of the time of day or weather

1 ~~conditions. 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 discernible~~
6 ~~at a distance of 1000 feet.~~ Parking lamps may be used in
7 addition to but not in lieu of such head lamps. Every motor
8 vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer shall also exhibit at least 2
9 lighted lamps, commonly known as tail lamps, which shall be
10 mounted on the left rear and right rear of the vehicle so as to
11 throw a red light visible for at least 500 feet in the reverse
12 direction, except that a truck tractor or road tractor
13 manufactured before January 1, 1968 and all motorcycles need be
14 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 to
21 be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps
22 are lighted.

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

1 (e) For purposes of this Section, a custom vehicle or
2 street rod is considered to be in compliance with all vehicle
3 lamp requirements if it has passed the approved safety
4 inspection provided for in Section 3-804.1 or 3-804.2.

5 (Source: P.A. 91-130, eff. 1-1-00; 91-135, eff. 1-1-00; 92-16,
6 eff. 6-28-01; 92-668, eff. 1-1-03.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
8 1, 2010.