

HB2448



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2448

by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-201

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

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that every motor vehicle of the first division or motor vehicle of the second division weighing no more than 8,000 pounds shall at all times exhibit: (1) daytime running lights; or (2) at least 2 lighted head lamps, with at least one on each side of the front of the vehicle, showing white lights, including those emitted by high intensity discharge lamps or lights of a yellow or amber tint. Provides that a violation of the provision is a business offense punishable by a fine of \$100. Defines "daytime running lights".

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 (a-5) When operated upon any highway in this State, every
18 motor vehicle of the first division or motor vehicle of the
19 second division weighing no more than 8,000 pounds shall at all
20 times exhibit: (1) daytime running lights; or (2) at least 2
21 lighted head lamps, with at least one on each side of the front
22 of the vehicle, and which satisfy United States Department of
23 Transportation requirements, showing white lights, including

1 those emitted by high intensity discharge (HID) lamps or lights
2 of a yellow or amber tint. A violation of this subsection (a-5)
3 is a business offense punishable by a fine of \$100.

4 For purposes of this subsection (a-5), "daytime running
5 lights" means an automotive lighting device on the front of a
6 motor vehicle that is automatically switched on when the
7 vehicle is moving forward and emits a white, yellow, or amber
8 light.

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

1 motorcycles need be equipped with only one such tail lamp.

2 (c) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be so
3 constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light a
4 rear registration plate when required and render it clearly
5 legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any tail lamp
6 or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for
7 illuminating a rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to
8 be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps
9 are lighted.

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

14 (e) (Blank).

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