

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 (b-5) During all other times not specified under subsection
14 (b) of this Section, when operated upon a Class II or Class III
15 highway with 2 lanes of traffic outside the corporate limits of
16 a municipality, every motor vehicle of the first division or
17 motor vehicle of the second division weighing no more than
18 8,000 pounds shall at all times exhibit: (1) daytime running
19 lights; or (2) at least 2 lighted head lamps, with at least one
20 on each side of the front of the vehicle, and which satisfy
21 United States Department of Transportation requirements,
22 showing white lights, including those emitted by high intensity
23 discharge (HID) lamps or lights of a yellow or amber tint. A
24 violation of this subsection (b-5) is a business offense
25 punishable by a fine of \$100.

26 For purposes of this subsection (b-5), "daytime running

1 lights" means an automotive lighting device on the front of a
2 motor vehicle that is automatically switched on when the
3 vehicle is moving forward and emits a white, yellow, or amber
4 light.

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

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

17 (e) (Blank).

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