

# HOUSE BILL 1168

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Vehicle Laws – Equipment on Motorcycles – Auxiliary Lighting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of certain auxiliary lighting on a motorcycle;  
4 and generally relating to motorcycle lighting.

5 BY ~~repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~ adding to  
6 Article – Transportation  
7 Section ~~22-224.1~~ 22-221(l)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### 12 **Article – Transportation**

13 ~~22-224.1.~~

14 (a) ~~In this section, “motorcycle” includes Class M (multipurpose) vehicles~~  
15 ~~that are designated by the Administrator.~~

16 (b) ~~The headlamp or headlamps on a motorcycle may be of the single beam~~  
17 ~~or multiple beam type, but in either event shall comply with the following~~  
18 ~~requirements and limitations.~~

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~(1) The headlamp or headlamps on a motorcycle shall be of sufficient intensity to reveal a person or a vehicle at a distance of:~~

~~(i) Not less than 100 feet, when the motorcycle is operated at any speed of less than 25 miles an hour;~~

~~(ii) Not less than 200 feet, when the motorcycle is operated at a speed of 25 to 34 miles an hour; and~~

~~(iii) Not less than 300 feet, when the motorcycle is operated at a speed of 35 miles an hour or more;~~

~~(2) If the motorcycle is equipped with a multiple beam headlamp or headlamps, the upper beam shall meet the minimum requirements set forth above and may not exceed the limitations set forth in § 22-222(a)(1) of this subtitle, and the lowermost beam shall meet the requirements applicable to a lowermost distribution of light as set forth in § 22-222(a)(2) of this subtitle; and~~

~~(3) If the motorcycle is equipped with a single beam lamp or lamps, the lamp or lamps shall be so aimed that, when the vehicle is loaded, none of the high intensity portion of light, at a distance of 25 feet ahead, projects higher than the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes.~~

~~(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE FOLLOWING NON-FLASHING AUXILIARY LIGHTING ON A MOTORCYCLE:~~

~~(1) BLUE DOT ILLUMINATION;~~

~~(2) STANDARD BULB RUNNING LIGHTS; OR~~

~~(3) LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE PODS AND STRIPS ADDED TO PROTECT THE DRIVER.~~

~~22-221.~~

(L) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A MOTORCYCLE MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING AUXILIARY LIGHTING:

(I) BLUE DOT ILLUMINATION;

(II) STANDARD BULB RUNNING LIGHTS; OR

(III) LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE PODS AND STRIPS ADDED TO PROTECT THE DRIVER.

**(2) (I) LIGHTING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE:**

**1. NONBLINKING;**

**2. NONFLASHING;**

**3. NONOSCILLATING; AND**

**4. DIRECTED TOWARD THE ENGINE AND THE DRIVE  
TRAIN OF THE MOTORCYCLE.**

**(II) LIGHTING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT:**

**1. BE ATTACHED TO THE WHEELS OF THE  
MOTORCYCLE; OR**

**2. EMIT A RED OR BLUE LIGHT.**

**(III) BLUE DOT ILLUMINATION:**

**1. MAY BE LOCATED ONLY ON THE REAR OF A  
MOTORCYCLE AS PART OF OR ADJACENT TO THE REAR BRAKE LIGHT; AND**

**2. MAY NOT EXCEED THREE-QUARTERS OF AN INCH  
IN DIAMETER.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
June 1, 2008.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.