

SENATE BILL 713

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A BILL ENTITLED

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,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 22–224.1
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:

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

14 **(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE FOLLOWING**
15 **NONFLASHING AUXILIARY LIGHTING ON A MOTORCYCLE:**

16 **(1) BLUE DOT ILLUMINATION;**

17 **(2) STANDARD BULB RUNNING LIGHTS; OR**

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

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