

SENATE BILL 713

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By: **Senators Astle, Brinkley, Colburn, DeGrange, Della, Garagiola, Haines, Kramer, Munson, Stoltzfus, ~~and Stone~~ Stone, and Jacobs**

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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:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 ~~(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE FOLLOWING~~
19 ~~NONFLASHING AUXILIARY LIGHTING ON A MOTORCYCLE:~~

20 ~~(1) BLUE DOT ILLUMINATION;~~

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

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

24 22-221.

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

27 (I) BLUE DOT ILLUMINATION;

28 (II) STANDARD BULB RUNNING LIGHTS; OR

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

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

- 1 **1. NONBLINKING;**
- 2 **2. NONFLASHING;**
- 3 **3. NONOSCILLATING; AND**
- 4 **4. DIRECTED TOWARD THE ENGINE AND THE DRIVE**
- 5 **TRAIN OF THE MOTORCYCLE.**

(II) LIGHTING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT:

- 7 **1. BE ATTACHED TO THE WHEELS OF THE**
- 8 **MOTORCYCLE; OR**
- 9 **2. EMIT A RED OR BLUE LIGHT.**

(III) BLUE DOT ILLUMINATION:

- 11 **1. MAY BE LOCATED ONLY ON THE REAR OF A**
- 12 **MOTORCYCLE AS PART OF OR ADJACENT TO THE REAR BRAKE LIGHT; AND**
- 13 **2. MAY NOT EXCEED THREE-QUARTERS OF AN INCH**
- 14 **IN DIAMETER.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.