
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§291-25~~ Lights for motor vehicles, motorcycles, motor
4 scooters, motorized bicycles. (a) [~~From thirty minutes after~~
5 ~~sunset until thirty minutes before sunrise, every~~] Every motor
6 vehicle moving upon any public highway shall carry at the front
7 thereof at least two lighted head lamps which shall display
8 white lights of equal candle power[~~-~~]:

9 (1) From thirty minutes after sunset until thirty minutes
10 before sunrise;

11 (2) When windshield wipers are in continuous use; or

12 (3) When visibility is less than five hundred feet.

13 The head lamps shall be securely mounted, not less than twenty-
14 two inches nor more than fifty-four inches above the road
15 surface when measured to the head lamp center, on a rigid part
16 of the vehicle designed specifically for head lamp installation
17 by the manufacturer, and so arranged, adjusted, and constructed



1 that, when the motor vehicle is fully loaded, any pair of
2 headlights under the conditions of use shall produce a light
3 sufficient to reveal any person, vehicle, or substantial object
4 on the highway straight ahead of the motor vehicle for a
5 distance of two hundred feet.

6 The light when measured at a distance of one hundred feet
7 directly in front of the motor vehicle, and at a height of sixty
8 inches above the level surface on which the motor vehicle
9 stands, shall not exceed two thousand four hundred apparent
10 candle power, nor shall this candle power be exceeded at a
11 greater height than sixty inches.

12 When measured at a distance of one hundred feet ahead of
13 the motor vehicle and seven feet or more to the left of the axis
14 of the same, and at a height of sixty inches above the level
15 surface on which the motor vehicle stands, the light shall not
16 exceed eight hundred apparent candle power.

17 (b) [~~During the time specified in subsection (a), every]~~
18 Every motorcycle, motor scooter, or motorized bicycle while
19 moving on a public highway shall carry, at the front thereof, at
20 least one lighted headlight which shall give a light of such
21 power and so distributed as provided in subsection (a); provided



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1 that any motorcycle, motor scooter, or motorized bicycle with a
2 side car or similar contrivance attached shall, in addition to
3 the foregoing required light, carry on the side car or similar
4 contrivance a lighted lamp visible from a point at least two
5 hundred feet ahead of the vehicle. Any headlight required by
6 this subsection shall display white light during the time and
7 under the circumstances specified in subsection (a), and shall
8 be securely mounted, not less than twenty-four inches nor more
9 than fifty-four inches above the road surface when measured to
10 the headlight's center on a rigid part of the vehicle designed
11 specifically for installation of a light by the manufacturer."

12 SECTION 2. Section 291-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "**§291-29 Lights for other vehicles.** All vehicles other
15 than those specified in section 291-25 shall during the time and
16 under the circumstances mentioned in such section when upon the
17 public highway, carry a lighted light on the extreme width of
18 each side so arranged that a light from the lamps shall be
19 visible in every direction at least two hundred feet."

20 SECTION 3. Section 291-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



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1 "(a) The use or operation of any motor vehicle not
 2 equipped with lights in conformity with sections 291-25 to 291-
 3 31 upon the public highways is prohibited during the [period]
 4 time and under the circumstances specified in section 291-
 5 25(a)."

6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires additional circumstances under which every vehicle, including motor vehicles, motorcycles, motor scooters, and motorized bicycles, moving on any public highway in the State must display its lighted head lamps.

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