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(By Delegate Butcher)
[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
Committee on Roads and Transportation then the
Judiciary.]

10 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-15-23 of the Code of West
11 Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to lighting equipment;
12 and permitting running lamps on motorcycles, motor-driven
13 cycles and mopeds.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15 That §17C-15-23 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
16 amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.**

18 **§17C-15-23. Lighting equipment on motorcycles, motor-driven**
19 **cycles and mopeds.**

20 The head lamp or head lamps upon every motorcycle, motor-
21 driven cycle and moped may be of the single-beam or multiple-beam
22 type but in either event shall comply with the requirements and
23 limitations as follows:

1 (1) Every ~~said~~ head lamp or head lamps shall be of sufficient
2 intensity to reveal a person or a vehicle at a distance of not less
3 than one hundred feet when the motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or
4 moped is operated at any speed less than twenty-five miles per hour
5 and at a distance of not less than two hundred feet when it is
6 operated at a speed of twenty-five or more miles per hour.

7 (2) ~~In the event~~ If the motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or
8 moped is equipped with a multiple-beam type head lamp or head lamps
9 the upper beam shall meet the minimum requirements set forth above
10 and ~~shall~~ not exceed the limitations set forth in section twenty
11 (a) of this article and the lowermost beam shall meet the
12 requirements applicable to a lowermost distribution of light as set
13 forth in section twenty (b) of this article.

14 (3) ~~In the event~~ If the motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or
15 moped is equipped with a single-beam lamp or lamps, ~~said~~ the lamp
16 or lamps shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is loaded none of
17 the high-intensity portion of light, at a distance of twenty-five
18 feet ahead, shall project higher than the level of the center of
19 the lamp from which it comes.

20 (4) Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds may have
21 lights that are underneath the body and turned on while the
22 motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or moped is being operated at night.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit running lamps on motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.