

# H. B. 2477

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Committee on Roads and Transportation then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-15-23 of the Code of West  
Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting certain auxiliary  
lighting on motorcycles.

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

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

**ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.**

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

- 1 The head lamp or head lamps upon every motorcycle, motor-
- 2 driven cycle and moped may be of the single-beam or multi-

3 ple-beam type but in either event shall comply with the require-  
4 ments and limitations as follows:

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

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

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

24       (4) (A) Subject to paragraph (B) of this subdivision, a  
25 motorcycle may be equipped with, and an operator of a motorcy-  
26 cle may use, the following auxiliary lighting:

27       (i) Amber and white illumination;

28       (ii) Standard bulb running lights; or

29       (iii) Light-emitting diode pods and strips added to protect the  
30 driver.

31       (B) Lighting under this subdivision shall be:

32       (i) Nonblinking;

33       (ii) Nonflashing;

34       (iii) Nonoscillating; and

35       (iv) Directed toward the engine and the drive train of the  
36 motorcycle.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit certain auxiliary lighting on motorcycles.

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

