
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE LIGHTS.

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 motor vehicle
6 moving upon any public highway shall carry at the front thereof
7 at least two lighted head lamps which shall display white lights
8 of equal candle power. The head lamps shall be securely
9 mounted, not less than twenty-two inches nor more than fifty-
10 four inches above the road surface when measured to the head
11 lamp center, on a rigid part of the vehicle designed
12 specifically for head lamp installation by the manufacturer, and
13 so arranged, adjusted, and constructed that, when the motor
14 vehicle is fully loaded, any pair of headlights under the
15 conditions of use shall produce a light sufficient to reveal any
16 person, vehicle, or substantial object on the highway straight
17 ahead of the motor vehicle for a distance of two hundred feet.



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

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

12 (b) During the time specified in subsection (a), every
13 motorcycle, motor scooter, or motorized bicycle while moving on
14 a public highway shall carry, at the front thereof, at least one
15 lighted headlight, which shall give a light of such power and so
16 distributed as provided in subsection (a); provided that any
17 motorcycle, motor scooter, or motorized bicycle with a side car
18 or similar contrivance attached shall, in addition to the
19 foregoing required light, carry on the side car or similar
20 contrivance a lighted lamp visible from a point at least two
21 hundred feet ahead of the vehicle. Any headlight required by



1 this subsection shall display white light and shall be securely
2 mounted, not less than twenty-four inches nor more than fifty-
3 four inches above the road surface when measured to the
4 headlight's center on a rigid part of the vehicle designed
5 specifically for installation of a light by the manufacturer.

6 (c) From thirty minutes before sunrise to thirty minutes
7 after sunset, every motor vehicle moving upon any public highway
8 shall carry at the front thereof at least two lighted daytime
9 running lights; provided that if the motor vehicle is not
10 equipped with daytime running lights, the motor vehicle shall
11 carry at the front thereof at least two lighted head lamps that
12 comply with the specifications in subsection (a)."

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

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



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

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

7 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
9 begun before its effective date.

10 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Daytime Running Lights

Description:

Requires motor vehicles to be operated on public highways during daylight hours with the daytime running lights on. Requires motor vehicles not equipped with daytime running lights to be operated on public highways during daylight hours with the headlights on.

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