
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; or

11 (2) When visibility is less than five hundred feet.

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



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

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

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

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



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



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 as 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 on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Lights; Vehicles; Traffic Violations

Description:

Requires additional circumstances under which every motor vehicle, including motorcycles, motor scooters, and motorized bicycles, moving on any public highway in the State must display its lighted head lamps. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (HD2)

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