

SENATE BILL No. 206

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-19; IC 9-21-7-3

Synopsis: Lighting and equipment on vehicles. Provides that certain motor vehicles must be equipped with two stop lamps and that certain motorcycles must be equipped with at least one stop lamp. Provides that a vehicle operated on a highway must be constructed or equipped and maintained in conformance with law. Makes conforming amendments.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 8, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-19-1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. Except as otherwise provided
3 in this article, a person may not operate or move upon a highway in
4 Indiana a vehicle or combination of vehicles that are not:

- 5 (1) constructed or equipped; **and**
- 6 (2) **maintained;**

7 in compliance with this article.

8 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-6-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
9 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in
10 subsection (b), a person may not:

- 11 (1) sell; or
- 12 (2) drive on the highways;

13 in Indiana a motor vehicle ~~including a motorcycle or motor-driven~~
14 ~~cycle~~ **manufactured or assembled after December 31, 1955**, unless
15 the vehicle is equipped with at least ~~one~~ ~~(1)~~ **stoptight two (2) stop**
16 **lamps** meeting the requirements of section 17 of this chapter.

17 (b) **A motorcycle manufactured or assembled after December**



1 **31, 1955, must be equipped with at least one (1) stop lamp.** A
 2 motorcycle manufactured before January 1, 1956, is not required to be
 3 equipped with a ~~stoplight under subsection (a)~~ **at least one (1) stop**
 4 **lamp** if the motorcycle is not operated at the times when lighted head
 5 lamps and other illuminating devices are required under IC 9-21-7-2.

6 (c) This subsection does not apply to a motorcycle or motor-driven
 7 cycle. A person may not:

- 8 (1) sell;
 9 (2) offer for sale; or
 10 (3) operate on the highways;

11 a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered in Indiana and
 12 manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1956, unless the vehicle is
 13 equipped with mechanical or electrical turn signals meeting the
 14 requirements of section 17 of this chapter.

15 SECTION 3. IC 9-19-6-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. In addition to other
 17 equipment required in this chapter, the following vehicles must be
 18 equipped as follows, under the conditions stated in IC 9-21-7-2(b):

- 19 (1) On a bus or truck the following:
 20 (A) On the rear, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at each side.
 21 (B) On the rear, one (1) ~~stoplight~~ **stop lamp**.
 22 (2) On a bus or truck that is at least eighty (80) inches in overall
 23 width, in addition to the requirements in subdivision (1), the
 24 following:
 25 (A) On the front, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 26 (B) On the rear, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 27 (C) On each side, two (2) side marker lamps, one (1) at or near
 28 the front end and one (1) at or near the rear.
 29 (D) On each side, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at or near the
 30 front and one (1) at or near the rear.
 31 (3) On a truck-tractor, the following:
 32 (A) On the front, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 33 (B) On the rear, one (1) ~~stoplight~~ **stop lamp**.
 34 (4) On a trailer or semitrailer having a gross weight greater than
 35 three thousand (3,000) pounds, the following:
 36 (A) On the front, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 37 (B) On each side, two (2) side marker lamps, one (1) at or near
 38 the front and one (1) at or near the rear.
 39 (C) On each side, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at or near the front
 40 and one (1) at or near the rear.
 41 (D) On the rear, two (2) clearance lamps, one (1) at each side.
 42 (E) On the rear, two (2) reflectors, one (1) at each side.

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- 1 (F) On the rear, one (1) ~~stoplight~~ **stop lamp**.
- 2 (5) On a pole trailer greater than three thousand (3,000) pounds
- 3 gross weight, the following:
- 4 (A) On each side, one (1) side marker lamp and one (1)
- 5 clearance lamp, which may be in combination, to show to the
- 6 front, side, and rear.
- 7 (B) On the rear of the pole trailer or load, two (2) reflectors,
- 8 one (1) at each side.
- 9 (6) On a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer weighing not more than
- 10 three thousand (3,000) pounds gross weight, the following:
- 11 (A) On the rear, two (2) reflectors, one (1) on each side.
- 12 (B) If a trailer or semitrailer is loaded or is of the dimensions
- 13 that obscure the ~~stoplight~~ **stop lamp** on the towing vehicle,
- 14 one (1) ~~stoplight~~ **stop lamp**.
- 15 (7) On a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination
- 16 equipped with a B-train assembly (as defined in IC 9-13-2-13),
- 17 the assembly must have at least the following:
- 18 (A) On the rear, two (2) reflectors.
- 19 (B) On the rear, one (1) operable tail lamp.
- 20 (C) On the rear, one (1) operable brake lamp.
- 21 SECTION 4. IC 9-19-6-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 22 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) A front clearance lamp,
- 23 marker lamp, and reflector mounted on the front or on the side near the
- 24 front of a vehicle must display or reflect an amber color.
- 25 (b) A rear clearance lamp, marker lamp, and reflector mounted on
- 26 the rear or on the sides near the rear of a vehicle must display or reflect
- 27 a red color.
- 28 (c) A lighting device and reflector mounted on the rear of a vehicle
- 29 must display or reflect a red color, except as follows:
- 30 (1) The ~~stoplight~~ **stop lamp** or other signal device may be red,
- 31 amber, or yellow.
- 32 (2) The light illuminating the license plate must be white.
- 33 (3) The light emitted by a back-up lamp must be white or amber.
- 34 SECTION 5. IC 9-21-7-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 35 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) This section does not
- 36 apply to a motorcycle or motorized bicycle.
- 37 (b) A motor vehicle must display at least two (2) lighted lamps, one
- 38 (1) on each side at the front of the motor vehicle.
- 39 (c) Whenever a motor vehicle equipped with head lamps required
- 40 under subsection (b) is also equipped with:
- 41 (1) auxiliary lamps;
- 42 (2) a spot lamp; or

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1 (3) any other lamp on the front of the motor vehicle projecting a
2 beam of intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower;
3 not more than a total of four (4) lamps described in this subsection on
4 the front of a vehicle may be lighted at one (1) time when upon a
5 highway.
6 (d) Passenger buses, trucks, truck tractors, and certain trailers,
7 semitrailers, and pole trailers must display clearance and marker lamps,
8 reflectors, and stop ~~lights~~ **lamps** as required under this title when
9 operated upon a highway. Except as provided in subsection (e), all
10 lamp equipment required on vehicles described in this subsection shall
11 be lighted at the times specified in section 2 of this chapter.
12 (e) Clearance and sidemarker lamps are not required to be lighted
13 on a vehicle described in subsection (d) when the vehicle is operated
14 within a municipality where there is sufficient light to render clearly
15 discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of five
16 hundred (500) feet.
17 **SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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