

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1205

Introduced by

Representatives Ruby, Dietrich, Owens

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-27-17 and 39-27-17.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to motorcycle lights.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-27-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-27-17. Lighting equipment.**

- 7 1. ~~Every~~ A motorcycle must be equipped with lamps, reflective devices, and
8 associated equipment as required by and in compliance with standards adopted by
9 rule of the director.
- 10 2. A gearbox indicator light, if provided, must be located within the operator's field of
11 vision.
- 12 3. A headlamp beam indicator light must be located within the operator's field of
13 vision and illuminated automatically when the high beam of the headlamp is
14 actuated.
- 15 4. A motorcycle must be equipped with at least one taillamp in accordance with
16 section 39-21-04.
- 17 5. A motorcycle must be equipped with a stop lamp in accordance with subsection 1
18 of section 39-21-19.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-27-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **39-27-17.1. ~~Lighting equipment on motor-driven cycles~~ Headlamps on**
22 **motorcycles.**

- 1 1. The headlamp or headlamps upon every motor-driven cycle may be of the
2 single-beam or multiple-beam type ~~but in either event must comply with the~~
3 ~~requirements and limitations as follows:~~
- 4 ~~4.~~ 2. Every headlamp or headlamps on a motor-driven cycle must be of sufficient
5 intensity to reveal a person or a vehicle at a distance of not less than one hundred
6 feet [30.48 meters] when the motor-driven cycle is operated at any speed less than
7 twenty-five miles [40.23 kilometers] per hour and at a distance of not less than two
8 hundred feet [60.96 meters] when the motor-driven cycle is operated at a speed of
9 twenty-five or more miles [40.23 or more kilometers] per hour, and at a distance of
10 not less than three hundred feet [91.44 meters] when the motor-driven cycle is
11 operated at a speed of thirty-five miles [56.33 kilometers] per hour.
- 12 ~~2.~~ 3. In the event the motor-driven cycle is equipped with a multiple-beam headlamp or
13 headlamps the upper beam must meet the minimum requirements set forth above
14 and may not exceed the limitations set forth in subsection 1 of section 39-21-20
15 and the lowermost beam must meet the requirements applicable to a lowermost
16 distribution of light as set forth in subsection 2 of section 39-21-20.
- 17 ~~3.~~ 4. In the event the motor-driven cycle is equipped with a single-beam lamp or lamps
18 the lamp or lamps must be so aimed that when the vehicle is loaded none of the
19 high-intensity portion of light, at a distance of twenty-five feet [7.62 meters] ahead,
20 projects higher than the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes.