

**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 mounted on the rear of  
16 the motorcycle which must emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of one  
17 thousand feet [304.8 meters] to the rear. The taillamp must be located at a height  
18 at least fifteen inches [38.1 centimeters] but not more than seventy-two inches  
19 [182.88 centimeters] from the ground. A taillamp must be wired so as to be lighted  
20 when the headlamp is lighted.
- 21 5. A motorcycle must be equipped with a stop lamp on the rear of the motorcycle  
22 which must display a red light visible from a distance of not less than three hundred  
23 feet [91.44 meters] to the rear, is actuated upon application of the brake, may not  
24 project a glaring light, and may be incorporated with other rear lamps.

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

3           **39-27-17.1. ~~Lighting equipment on motor-driven cycles~~ Headlamps on**  
4 **motorcycles.**

5           1. The headlamp or headlamps upon every motor-driven cycle may be of the  
6 single-beam or multiple-beam type ~~but in either event must comply with the~~  
7 ~~requirements and limitations as follows:~~

8           ~~4.~~ 2. Every headlamp or headlamps on a motor-driven cycle must be of sufficient  
9 intensity to reveal a person or a vehicle at a distance of not less than one hundred  
10 feet [30.48 meters] when the motor-driven cycle is operated at any speed less than  
11 twenty-five miles [40.23 kilometers] per hour and at a distance of not less than two  
12 hundred feet [60.96 meters] when the motor-driven cycle is operated at a speed of  
13 twenty-five or more miles [40.23 or more kilometers] per hour, and at a distance of  
14 not less than three hundred feet [91.44 meters] when the motor-driven cycle is  
15 operated at a speed of thirty-five miles [56.33 kilometers] per hour.

16           ~~2.~~ 3. In the event the motor-driven cycle is equipped with a multiple-beam headlamp or  
17 headlamps the upper beam must meet the minimum requirements set forth above  
18 and may not exceed the limitations set forth in subsection 1 of section 39-21-20  
19 and the lowermost beam must meet the requirements applicable to a lowermost  
20 distribution of light as set forth in subsection 2 of section 39-21-20.

21           ~~3.~~ 4. In the event the motor-driven cycle is equipped with a single-beam lamp or lamps  
22 the lamp or lamps must be so aimed that when the vehicle is loaded none of the  
23 high-intensity portion of light, at a distance of twenty-five feet [7.62 meters] ahead,  
24 projects higher than the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes.