

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1205  
(Representatives Ruby, Dietrich, Owens)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 39-27-17 and 39-27-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motorcycle lights.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

portion of light, at a distance of twenty-five feet [7.62 meters] ahead, projects higher than the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1205.

House Vote:      Yeas    92      Nays    0      Absent    2

Senate Vote:    Yeas    44      Nays    0      Absent    3

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State