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House Bill No. 2477

(By Delegates Overinton, Barill and Perdue)

Passed March 8, 2014

In effect ninety days from passage.
AN ACT to amend and reenact §17C-15-23 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting certain auxiliary lighting on motorcycles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17C-15-23 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.

§17C-15-23. Lighting equipment on motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds.

1 The head lamp or head lamps upon every motorcycle, motor-driven cycle and moped may be of the single-beam or multiple-beam type but in either event shall comply with the requirements and limitations as follows:

5 (1) Every head lamp or head lamps shall be of sufficient intensity to reveal a person or a vehicle at a distance of not less than one hundred feet when the motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or moped is operated at any speed less than twenty-five miles per
9 hour and at a distance of not less than two hundred feet when it
10 is operated at a speed of twenty-five or more miles per hour.

11 (2) If the motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or moped is
12 equipped with a multiple-beam type head lamp or head lamps
13 the upper beam shall meet the minimum requirements set forth
14 above and not exceed the limitations set forth in section twenty
15 (a) of this article and the lowermost beam shall meet the
16 requirements applicable to a lowermost distribution of light as
17 set forth in section twenty (b) of this article.

18 (3) If the motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or moped is
19 equipped with a single-beam lamp or lamps, the lamp or lamps
20 shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is loaded none of the
21 high-intensity portion of light, at a distance of twenty-five feet
22 ahead, shall project higher than the level of the center of the
23 lamp from which it comes.

24 (4) (A) Subject to paragraph (B) of this subdivision, a
25 motorcycle may be equipped with, and an operator of a
26 motorcycle may use, the following auxiliary lighting:

27 (i) Amber and white illumination;

28 (ii) Standard bulb running lights; or

29 (iii) Light-emitting diode pods and strips.

30 (B) Lighting under this subdivision shall be:

31 (i) Nonblinking;

32 (ii) Nonflashing;

33 (iii) Nonoscillating; and

34 (iv) Directed toward the engine and the drive train of the
35 motorcycle to prevent interference with the driver’s operation of
36 the vehicle.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, House Committee

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Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

The within is approved this the ___

day of March, 2014.

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Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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