

MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ariel Defay

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill allows a motorcycle and certain other vehicles to have more than four lamps on the front of the vehicle.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ allows a moped, motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle to have more than four lighted lamps on the front of the vehicle while operating on a highway.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-1616, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 348

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1616** is amended to read:

41-6a-1616. High intensity beams -- Red or blue lights -- Flashing lights -- Color of rear lights and reflectors.

(1) (a) Except as provided under Subsection (1)(b), under the conditions specified



28 under Subsection 41-6a-1603(1)(a), a lighted lamp or illuminating device on a vehicle, which
29 projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300 candlepower, shall be directed so that
30 no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which
31 the vehicle stands at a distance of more than 75 feet from the vehicle.

32 (b) The provisions of Subsection (1)(a) do not apply to head lamps, spot lamps,
33 auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, hazard warning lamps, and school bus warning lamps.

34 (c) (i) ~~[A]~~ Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c)(ii), a motor vehicle on a highway
35 may not have more than a total of four lamps lighted on the front of the vehicle including head
36 lamps, auxiliary lamps, spot lamps, or any other lamp if the lamp projects a beam of an
37 intensity greater than 300 candlepower.

38 (ii) The limitation to no more than a total of four lamps lighted on the front of a vehicle
39 as described in Subsection (1)(c)(i) does not apply to a moped, a motorcycle, or motor-driven
40 cycle.

41 (2) (a) Except for an authorized emergency vehicle described in Section 41-6a-1601, a
42 school bus described in Section 41-6a-1302, or a simulated emergency vehicle used in
43 accordance with Section 41-6a-1718, a person may not operate or move any vehicle or
44 equipment on a highway with a lamp or device capable of displaying a red light that is visible
45 from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

46 (b) Except for a law enforcement vehicle, or a simulated emergency vehicle used in
47 accordance with Section 41-6a-1718, a person may not operate or move any vehicle or
48 equipment on a highway with a lamp or device capable of displaying a blue light that is visible
49 from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

50 (3) A person may not use flashing lights on a vehicle except for:

51 (a) taillights of bicycles described in Section 41-6a-1114;

52 (b) authorized emergency vehicles described in Section 41-6a-1601;

53 (c) turn signals described in Section 41-6a-1604;

54 (d) hazard warning lights described in Sections 41-6a-1608 and 41-6a-1611;

55 (e) school bus flashing lights described in Section 41-6a-1302;

56 (f) vehicles engaged in highway construction or maintenance described in Section
57 41-6a-1617;

58 (g) a simulated emergency vehicle used in accordance with Section 41-6a-1718; and

59 (h) a continuously flashing light system under Section 41-6a-1604.

60 (4) Except for an authorized emergency vehicle described in Section 41-6a-1601, or a
61 media production vehicle used in accordance with Section 41-6a-1718, a person may not use a
62 rotating light on any vehicle.

63 (5) A violation of this section is an infraction.

64 Section 2. **Effective date.**

65 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.