

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE BILL 1924

By: Dorman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 12-201, as amended by Section 21, Chapter 411, O.S.L. 2003 (47 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 12-201), which relates to equipment on vehicles; modifying requirement for lighted lamps on certain vehicles; providing an exception; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 12-201, as amended by Section 21, Chapter 411, O.S.L. 2003 (47 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 12-201), is amended to read as follows:

Section 12-201. A. The United States Department of Transportation specifications and standards for headlamps, auxiliary driving lamps, tail lamps, signal lamps, reflectors, and other lighting equipment and signal devices, pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Section 571.108, are hereby adopted by the State of Oklahoma.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and subject to exceptions for parked vehicles, every vehicle upon a highway within this state shall properly display all lamps and illuminating devices as required by law:

1. At any time from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, also referred to in this chapter as nighttime; and

2. At any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the

highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of one thousand (1,000) feet or less.

C. All lamps required by this chapter shall display a steady light except as otherwise prescribed by this chapter. Any required individual lamp may be combined or incorporated with any other required individual lamp if the combined or incorporated lamps meet all of the individual lighting requirements of this chapter for each individual lamp contained therein.

D. No lamp, other than a headlamp, displayed on any vehicle shall project a glaring light; provided, every headlamp shall comply with Section 39 of this act.

E. Every vehicle owned by a public agency, as defined in Section 102 of Title 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes, when operated upon a highway within this state shall at all times display lighted lamps and illuminating devices as required for different classes of vehicles. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to parked vehicles and law enforcement vehicles.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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