

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Monday, February 8, 2010

House Bill No. 2280

HOUSE BILL NO. 2280 - By: GLENN of the House and WYRICK of the Senate.

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 12-201, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 12-201), which relates to vehicle headlamps and signal devices; requiring use of lamps and illuminating devices under certain circumstances; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 12-201, as last amended by  
2 Section 6, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 12-201), is amended to  
3 read as follows:

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

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

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

1           2. At any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric  
2 conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance  
3 of one thousand (1,000) feet or less; and

4           3. At any time when unfavorable atmospheric conditions require continuous use of  
5 the windshield wipers of the vehicle in order to operate the vehicle in a careful and  
6 prudent manner.

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

12           D. No lamp, other than a headlamp, displayed on any vehicle shall project a glaring  
13 light; provided, every headlamp shall comply with Section 12-222 of this title.

14           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

15           COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02-04-10 - DO  
16           PASS, As Coauthored.