

3 Senate Bill No. 1831

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1831 - By: Sweeden of the Senate and Christian of
5 the House.

6 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001,
7 Section 12-203, as amended by Section 23, Chapter 411,
8 O.S.L. 2003 (47 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 12-203), which
9 relates to lamps and other lighting equipment; and providing
10 an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 12-203, as
13 amended by Section 23, Chapter 411, O.S.L. 2003 (47 O.S. Supp. 2009,
14 Section 12-203), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 12-203. A. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with
16 at least two headlamps emitting a white light with at least one lamp
17 on each side of the front of the motor vehicle on the same level and
18 as far apart as practicable. The headlamps shall comply with the
19 requirements and limitations set forth in this chapter.

20 B. Every headlamp upon every motor vehicle shall be located at
21 a height of not more than fifty-four (54) inches nor less than
22 twenty-two (22) inches to be measured as set forth in subsection B
23 of Section 12-202 of this title.

24 C. The headlamps on motor vehicles shall be so arranged that
25 the driver may select at will between distributions of light
26 projected to different elevations and such lamps may, in addition,

1 be so arranged that such selection can be made automatically,
2 subject to the following limitations:

3 1. There shall be an uppermost distribution of light, or
4 composite beam, so aimed and of such intensity as to reveal persons
5 and vehicles at a distance of at least six hundred (600) feet ahead
6 for all conditions of loading;

7 2. There shall be a lowermost distribution of light, or
8 composite beam, so aimed and of sufficient intensity to reveal
9 persons and vehicles at a distance of at least two hundred (200)
10 feet ahead; and

11 3. On a straight, level road under any condition of loading
12 none of the high-intensity portion of the beam shall be directed to
13 strike the eyes of an approaching driver.

14 D. Every motor vehicle which has multiple-beam road-lighting
15 equipment shall be equipped with a beam indicator, which shall be
16 lighted whenever the uppermost distribution of light from the
17 headlamps is in use, and shall not otherwise be lighted.

18 E. When the windshield wipers of a motor vehicle are in use as
19 a result of inclement weather, the headlamps of the motor vehicle
20 shall be in use.

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY,
23 dated 2-2-10 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.