

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1831

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5 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

23 C. The headlamps on motor vehicles shall be so arranged that  
24 the driver may select at will between distributions of light

1 projected to different elevations and such lamps may, in addition,  
2 be so arranged that such selection can be made automatically,  
3 subject to the following limitations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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