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April 14, 2025

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1021

By: Luttrell of the House

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Frix of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 12-609, which relates to required equipment for motorcycles; deleting limitation on the height of motorcycle handlebars; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 12-609, is amended to read as follows:

Section 12-609. A. In addition to other requirements prescribed by this chapter, by federal law or by local ordinance, all motorcycles, except when operated on actual trail rides conducted outside of public roads and highways, shall be equipped with:

1. Two rearview mirrors, containing a reflection surface of not less than three (3) inches in diameter, mounted one on each side of the motorcycle and positioned so as to enable the operator to clearly view the roadway to the rear of the vehicle;

1 2. A windshield of sufficient quality, size and thickness to
2 protect the operator from foreign objects, except that in lieu of
3 such windshield, the operator shall wear goggles or other protective
4 eyewear which meets American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
5 Standard Z87.1 and provides positive retention, or a face shield of
6 material and design to protect the operator from foreign objects;

7 3. A properly operating speedometer capable of registering at
8 least the maximum legal speed limit for that motorcycle;

9 4. A fender over each wheel. All fenders shall be of the type
10 provided by the manufacturer;

11 5. A horn which shall comply with the requirements of Section
12 12-401 of this title; and

13 6. A muffler or other effective noise-suppressing system which
14 shall comply with the requirements of Section 12-402 of this title.

15 B. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall operate or
16 ride upon any motorcycle unless such person is properly wearing a
17 crash helmet of a type which complies with standards established by
18 49 C.F.R., Section 571.218.

19 ~~C. Handlebars on motorcycles shall not be higher than eye level~~
20 ~~of the operator.~~

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS AND TRANSPORTATION
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