



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Final Analysis

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Sens. Hughes, Obhof, Patton

Reps. Damschroder, Ruhl, Mallory, Green, Ashford, Pillich, Rogers, Sheehy, Batchelder

Effective date: July 10, 2014

ACT SUMMARY

- Requires the headlights on any motor vehicle to comply with federal headlamp color requirements (a white light) and specifies that failure to comply with the requirement is a minor misdemeanor.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The act requires the headlights on any motor vehicle to comply with the federal headlamp color requirements established in regulations governing motor vehicle safety standards. These standards require headlamps to be white.¹ Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of this requirement is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.²

In addition to the act's requirements, the Department of Public Safety has adopted a rule requiring motor vehicle headlamps to display a white light.³

¹ Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 108, 49 C.F.R. 571.108.

² R.C. 4513.19(B) and (C).

³ O.A.C. 4501-15-01(F).

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	07-24-13
Reported, S. Transportation	11-20-13
Passed Senate (33-0)	12-04-13
Reported, H. Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security	02-26-14
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