



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### S.B. 161

130th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

Sen. Hughes

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Codifies an existing administrative regulation that requires the headlights on any motor vehicle to display a white light and specifies that failure to display a white light constitutes a minor misdemeanor.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill codifies an existing administrative regulation that requires the headlights on any motor vehicle to display a white light and specifies that any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of this requirement is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.<sup>1</sup>

Under current law, unchanged by the bill, any person who uses lights on any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that are not equipped, mounted, and adjusted as to focus and aim in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Director of Public Safety is subject to a minor misdemeanor.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4501-15-01(F), as adopted by the Department of Public Safety, "[t]he headlamps required by the motor vehicle laws of Ohio and this chapter shall be electrically lighted and display a white light." Accordingly, any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of that regulation is subject to a minor misdemeanor under current law.

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced

07-24-13

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4513.19(B) and (C).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4513.19(A) and (C).