



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Am. S.B. 161

130th General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security)

Sens. Hughes, Obhof, Patton

Reps. Damschroder, Ruhl, Mallory, Green

BILL 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 bill 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

Rules adopted by the Department of Public Safety, currently require 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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