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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1775

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLES TO HAVE TURN SIGNALS;  
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

12 TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLES TO HAVE TURN  
13 SIGNALS.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-20-104(a), regarding standard equipment  
20 on motor-driven cycles and motorcycles, is amended to read as follows:

21 27-20-104. Standard equipment required.

22 (a) After July 5, 1977, all motor-driven cycles and all motorcycles  
23 used upon the public streets and highways of this state shall be equipped  
24 with the following standard equipment:

25 (1) At least one (1), but not more than two (2), headlights  
26 ~~which, that~~ in the dark, ~~shall emit~~ emits a white light visible from a  
27 distance of at least five hundred feet (500') in front;

28 (2) A red reflector on the rear, ~~which shall be~~ that is visible  
29 from a distance of three hundred feet (300') to the rear when directly in  
30 front of a lawful ~~upper-beam~~ upper-beam head lamp of a motor vehicle;

31 (3) A lamp ~~emitting that~~ emits a red light visible from a  
32 distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear must be used in addition to  
33 the red reflector provided above;

34 (4) Good hand or foot brakes;

35 (5) A horn in good working order, but no bell, siren, or whistle  
36 shall be permitted;



- 1 (6) A standard muffler; ~~and~~
- 2 (7) Handholds and support for the passenger's feet when designed
- 3 to carry more than one (1) person, unless it is equipped with a sidecar; and
- 4 (8) Electrical turn signals that meet the requirements of § 27-
- 5 36-216(b).

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-20-104(d), regarding standard equipment

8 on motor-driven cycles and motorcycles, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) After July 5, 1977, all motorized bicycles used upon the public

10 streets of this state shall be equipped with the following standard

11 equipment:

12 (1) At least one (1), but not more than two (2), headlights

13 ~~which, that~~ in the dark, ~~shall~~ emit a white light visible from a distance of

14 at least two hundred fifty feet (250') in front;

15 (2) A red reflector on the rear ~~which shall be~~ that is visible

16 from a distance of one hundred fifty feet (150') to the rear when directly in

17 front of a lawful upper beam head lamp of a motor vehicle;

18 (3) A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of two

19 hundred fifty feet (250') to the rear must be used in addition to the red

20 reflector provided above;

21 (4) Good hand or foot brakes;

22 (5) A horn in good working order, provided that no bell, siren,

23 or whistle shall be permitted; ~~and~~

24 (6) A standard muffler; and

25 (7) Electrical turn signals that meet the requirements of § 27-

26 36-216(b).

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28 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-36-216(d)(2), regarding signal lamps and

29 signal devices for motor vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

30 (2)(A) No person shall operate on the highways any motor

31 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered in this state and manufactured or

32 assembled after July 1, 1959, unless it is equipped with electrical turn

33 signals meeting the requirements of this section.

34 ~~(B) This provision shall not apply to any motorcycle or~~

35 ~~motor-driven cycle~~ No person shall operate on the highways any motorcycle,

36 motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle that was manufactured or assembled

1 after January 1, 1973, unless it is equipped with electrical turn signals  
2 that meet the requirements of this section.

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