

Senate Bill 240

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to lighting equipment for motor vehicles, so as to require motor vehicle
3 headlights to emit only white light; to provide for headlight mounting height; to prohibit the
4 use of headlights converted from the original factory light source; to prohibit the use of
5 high-intensity discharge replacement bulbs in halogen motor vehicle headlights; to provide
6 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to lighting equipment for motor vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section
11 40-8-22, relating to headlights, as follows:

12 "40-8-22.

13 (a) Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall be equipped
14 with at least two but not more than four headlights, with at least one on each side of the
15 front of the motor vehicle, which headlights shall emit white light only and shall comply
16 with the requirements and limitations set forth in this article.

17 (b) Every motorcycle and ~~every~~ motor driven cycle shall be equipped with at least one ~~and~~
18 but not more than two headlights, which shall emit white light only and shall comply with
19 the requirements and limitations ~~of set forth in~~ this article.

20 (c) Every headlight upon every motor vehicle, including every motorcycle and motor
21 driven cycle, shall be located at a height measured from the center of the headlight of not
22 more than 54 inches nor less than ~~24~~ 22 inches, to be measured as set forth in
23 subsection (b) of Code Section 40-8-21.

24 (d) The headlights required by this Code section shall be maintained in proper working
25 condition and shall not be covered by any type of material, provided that the covering

26 restriction shall not apply to any vehicle on which the original factory headlights were
27 covered.

28 (e) It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is equipped
29 with aiming pads on each headlight.

30 (f) All replacement bulbs and headlights for a motor vehicle shall utilize the original
31 factory light source as installed by the manufacturer. It shall be unlawful to operate a
32 motor vehicle with headlights that are converted from a halogen lighting system to a
33 high-intensity discharge system or to replace a high-intensity discharge bulb in a headlight
34 utilizing a halogen light source."

35 **SECTION 2.**

36 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.