

SENATE BILL No. 537

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-19; IC 35-52-9.

Synopsis: Lights and lamps on vehicles. Provides that certain vehicles may not be equipped with lamps or lights other than those specified. Makes technical corrections.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-19-6-23.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 23.5. (a) This section does not apply to a vehicle:**
4 (1) **described in IC 9-19-13, IC 9-19-14, IC 9-19-14.5,**
5 **IC 9-19-21, IC 9-21-13, IC 36-8-12-11; or**
6 (2) **owned by or operated on behalf of a municipal**
7 **corporation (as defined in IC 36-1-2-10).**
8 (b) **A vehicle other than a vehicle described in sections 7, 11, or**
9 **11.3 of this chapter may not be equipped with lights or lamps other**
10 **than those described in sections 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,**
11 **or 22 of this chapter.**
12 (c) **A person that knowingly or intentionally violates this section**
13 **commits a Class A misdemeanor.**
14 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-6-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 24. (a) This section
16 does not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or



1 combination of vehicles that:

2 (1) contains parts and accessories; and

3 (2) is equipped;

4 as required under regulations of the United States Department of
5 Transportation.

6 **(b) Except as provided in section 23.5 of this chapter,** a person
7 who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

8 SECTION 3. IC 9-19-14-5.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.80-2012,
9 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5.5. (a) Except for a:

11 (1) vehicle utilized in a funeral procession; or

12 (2) funeral escort vehicle bearing markings as described in
13 IC 9-21-13-0.7;

14 a vehicle that is not described by sections 2 or 5 of this chapter may not
15 display a red and white lamp or a red and blue lamp.

16 (b) A person who:

17 (1) possesses a vehicle with equipment described by sections 2 or
18 5 of this chapter; and

19 (2) is not authorized to display a red and white or red and blue
20 lamp upon the vehicle;

21 shall immediately remove the red and white or red and blue lamp from
22 the vehicle.

23 (c) A funeral escort vehicle, other than an authorized emergency
24 vehicle used in a funeral procession or as a funeral escort vehicle, may
25 display only red and white, red, or amber lights.

26 **(d) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section**
27 **commits a Class C misdemeanor.**

28 SECTION 4. IC 9-19-14-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.80-2012,
29 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. (a) This section does not apply to a person who
31 owns or operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles that:

32 (1) contains parts and accessories; and

33 (2) is equipped;

34 as required under regulations of the United States Department of
35 Transportation.

36 (b) Except as provided in ~~subsection (c)~~, **section 5.5(d) of this**
37 **chapter,** a person who violates this chapter commits a Class C
38 infraction.

39 ~~(c) A person commits a Class C misdemeanor if the person~~
40 ~~knowingly or intentionally violates section 5.5 of this chapter.~~

41 SECTION 5. IC 35-52-9-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
42 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY



1 1, 2015]: **Sec. 9.5. IC 9-19-6-23.5 defines a crime concerning motor**
2 **vehicle equipment.**

3 SECTION 6. IC 35-52-9-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 11.5. IC 9-19-14-5.5 defines a**
6 **crime concerning motor vehicle equipment.**

7 SECTION 7. IC 35-52-9-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
8 2015]. ~~Sec. 12. IC 9-19-14-6 defines a crime concerning motor vehicle~~
9 ~~equipment.~~

