

SENATE BILL 788

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 9, Part 4, relative to equipment standards  
for headlights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-408, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b)

(1) On or after January 1, 2016, the headlights of every motor vehicle shall be so equipped that they, at all times mentioned in this section and §§ 55-9-402, 55-9-406, and 55-9-407, emit a white light or light of a yellow or amber tint and shall not emit a light of any other color or tint. A violation of this subdivision (b)(1) is a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) Subdivision (b)(1) does not prohibit motor vehicles from being equipped with any parts of a headlight assembly, including white high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, that were installed by the manufacturer as original equipment in the motor vehicle.

(3)

(A) Any person who is arrested or receives a traffic citation for a violation of subdivision (b)(1), upon conviction, shall not be fined more than the maximum fine nor less than the minimum fine as provided by law for the violation nor shall any cost be imposed or assessed against the person.

(B) The conviction shall not be reported to the department of safety under §§ 55-10-306 and 55-12-115.

(C) No cost shall be charged under this subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.