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By Senators Lovelett, Nguyen, Fortunato, Das, Billig, and Hunt; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to the color of stop lamps on vehicles; and
2 amending RCW 46.37.100 and 46.37.200.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.100 and 2002 c 196 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Front clearance lamps and those marker lamps and reflectors
7 mounted on the front or on the side near the front of a vehicle shall
8 display or reflect an amber color.

9 (2) Rear clearance lamps and those marker lamps and reflectors
10 mounted on the rear or on the sides near the rear of a vehicle shall
11 display or reflect a red color.

12 (3) All lighting devices and reflectors mounted on the rear of
13 any vehicle shall display or reflect a red color, except the stop
14 lamp or other signal device, which may be red, amber, or yellow, and
15 except that on any vehicle forty or more years old, or on any
16 motorcycle regardless of age, the taillight may also contain a blue
17 or purple insert of not more than one inch in diameter, and except
18 that the light illuminating the license plate shall be white and the
19 light emitted by a backup lamp shall be white or amber. However, for
20 commercial motor vehicles defined in RCW 46.25.010, stop lamps must
21 be red and other signal devices must be red or amber.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.37.200 and 2006 c 306 s 3 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Any vehicle may be equipped and when required under this
4 chapter shall be equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of
5 the vehicle which shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of
6 color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than
7 one hundred feet and on any vehicle manufactured or assembled after
8 January 1, 1964, three hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight,
9 and which shall be actuated upon application of a service brake, and
10 which may but need not be incorporated with one or more other rear
11 lamps. However, for commercial motor vehicles defined in RCW
12 46.25.010, stop lamps must be red.

13 (2) Any vehicle may be equipped and when required under RCW
14 46.37.070(2) shall be equipped with electric turn signals which shall
15 indicate an intention to turn by flashing lights showing to the front
16 and rear of a vehicle or on a combination of vehicles on the side of
17 the vehicle or combination toward which the turn is to be made. The
18 lamps showing to the front shall be mounted on the same level and as
19 widely spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall
20 emit amber light: PROVIDED, That on any vehicle manufactured prior to
21 January 1, 1969, the lamps showing to the front may emit white or
22 amber light, or any shade of light between white and amber. The lamp
23 showing to the rear shall be mounted on the same level and as widely
24 spaced laterally as practicable, and, when signaling, shall emit a
25 red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber. Turn
26 signal lamps shall be visible from a distance of not less than five
27 hundred feet to the front and rear in normal sunlight. Turn signal
28 lamps may, but need not be, incorporated in other lamps on the
29 vehicle.

30 (3) Any vehicle may be equipped and when required under this
31 chapter shall be equipped with a center high-mounted stop lamp
32 mounted on the center line of the rear of the vehicle. These stop
33 lamps shall display a red light visible from a distance of not less
34 than three hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight, and shall be
35 actuated upon application of a service brake, and may not be
36 incorporated with any other rear lamps.

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