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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend
2 section 60-6,222, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section
3 60-6,219, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to require
4 lighted headlights and taillights when windshield wipers are in
5 continuous operation; to change a penalty; and to repeal the
6 original sections.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,219, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2020, is amended to read:

3 60-6,219 (1) Every motor vehicle upon a highway within this state
4 (a) during the period from sunset to sunrise, (b) and at any other time
5 when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons
6 or vehicles upon the highway at a distance of five hundred feet ahead, or
7 (c) when windshield wipers are in continuous use as a result of rain,
8 sleet, snow, or other moisture, shall be equipped with lighted headlights
9 and taillights as respectively required in this section for different
10 classes of vehicles.

11 (2) Every motor vehicle, other than an autocycle, a motorcycle, a
12 road roller, or road machinery, shall be equipped with two or more
13 headlights, at the front of and on opposite sides of the motor vehicle.
14 The headlights shall comply with the requirements and limitations set
15 forth in sections 60-6,221 and 60-6,223.

16 (3) Every motor vehicle and trailer, other than an autocycle, a
17 motorcycle, a road roller, or road machinery, shall be equipped with one
18 or more taillights, at the rear of the motor vehicle or trailer,
19 exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of at least five hundred
20 feet to the rear of such vehicle.

21 (4) Every autocycle or motorcycle shall be equipped with at least
22 one and not more than two headlights and with a taillight exhibiting a
23 red light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the
24 rear of such autocycle or motorcycle. The headlights shall comply with
25 the requirements and limitations set forth in sections 60-6,221 and
26 60-6,223.

27 (5) The requirement in this section as to the distance from which
28 lights must render obstructions visible or within which lights must be
29 visible shall apply during the time stated in this section upon a
30 straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions.

31 (6) It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of any motor

1 vehicle to operate such vehicle upon a highway unless:

2 (a) The condition of the lights and electric circuit is such as to
3 give substantially normal light output;

4 (b) Each taillight shows red directly to the rear, the lens covering
5 each taillight is unbroken, each taillight is securely fastened, and the
6 electric circuit is free from grounds or shorts;

7 (c) There is no more than one spotlight except for law enforcement
8 personnel, government employees, and public utility employees;

9 (d) There are no more than two auxiliary driving lights and every
10 such auxiliary light meets the requirements for auxiliary driving lights
11 provided in section 60-6,225;

12 (e) If equipped with any lighting device, other than headlights,
13 spotlights, or auxiliary driving lights, which projects a beam of light
14 of an intensity greater than twenty-five candlepower, such lighting
15 device meets the requirements of subsection (4) of section 60-6,225; and

16 (f) If equipped with side cowl or fender lights, there are no more
17 than two such lights and each such side cowl or fender light emits an
18 amber or white light.

19 Sec. 2. Section 60-6,222, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
20 amended to read:

21 60-6,222 Any person who violates any provision of section 60-6,219
22 or 60-6,221 shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. In the event of
23 such conviction of a light equipment violation under such sections, as a
24 part of the judgment of conviction, the trial judge shall direct the
25 person to produce in court or submit to the prosecuting attorney, before
26 such person again operates the motor vehicle upon a highway, satisfactory
27 proof showing that the light equipment involved in such person's
28 conviction has been made to conform with the requirements of such
29 sections. The failure, refusal, or neglect of such convicted person to
30 abide by such direction in the judgment of conviction of a light
31 equipment violation under such sections shall be deemed an additional

1 offense for which such person shall be prosecuted.

2 Sec. 3. Original section 60-6,222, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, and section 60-6,219, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2020, are repealed.