

H. B. No. 550
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, delete "section" and insert "sections"; 1
after "4508.08" insert "and 4513.17" 2

In line 3 of the title, after "program" insert "and to clarify that 3
a motorcycle may have a modulating headlight that meets federal standards" 4

In line 4, delete "section" and insert "sections"; after "4508.08" 5
insert "and 4513.17" 6

After line 84, insert: 7

"Sec. 4513.17. (A) Whenever a motor vehicle equipped with 8
headlights also is equipped with any auxiliary lights or 9
spotlight or any other light on the front thereof projecting a 10
beam of an intensity greater than three hundred candle power, 11
not more than a total of five of any such lights on the front of 12
a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when the vehicle is 13
upon a highway. 14

(B) Any lighted light or illuminating device upon a motor 15
vehicle, other than headlights, spotlights, signal lights, or 16
auxiliary driving lights, that projects a beam of light of an 17



intensity greater than three hundred candle power, shall be so 18
directed that no part of the beam will strike the level of the 19
roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than 20
seventy-five feet from the vehicle. 21

(C) (1) Flashing lights are prohibited on motor vehicles, 22
except as a means for indicating a right or a left turn, or in 23
the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual 24
care in approaching, or overtaking or passing. ~~This~~ 25

(2) The prohibition established in division (C) (1) of this 26
section does not apply to emergency any of the following: 27

(a) Emergency vehicles, road service vehicles servicing or 28
towing a disabled vehicle, stationary waste collection vehicles 29
actively collecting garbage, refuse, trash, or recyclable 30
materials on the roadside, rural mail delivery vehicles, 31
vehicles as provided in section 4513.182 of the Revised Code, 32
highway maintenance vehicles, funeral hearses, funeral escort 33
vehicles, and similar equipment operated by the department or 34
local authorities, ~~which shall be provided such vehicles are~~ 35
equipped with and display, when used on a street or highway for 36
the special purpose necessitating such lights, a flashing, 37
oscillating, or rotating amber light, but shall not display a 38
flashing, oscillating, or rotating light of any other color, ~~nor~~ 39
~~to vehicles;~~ 40

(b) Vehicles or machinery permitted by section 4513.11 of 41
the Revised Code to have a flashing red light; 42

~~(2) When used on a street or highway, farm~~ (c) Farm 43
machinery and vehicles escorting farm machinery ~~may be, provided~~ 44
such machinery and vehicles are equipped with and display, when 45
used on a street or highway, a flashing, oscillating, or 46

rotating amber light, ~~and the prohibition contained in division~~ 47
~~(C) (1) of this section does not apply to such machinery or~~ 48
~~vehicles.~~ Farm machinery also may display the lights described 49
in section 4513.11 of the Revised Code. 50

(D) (1) Except a person operating a public safety vehicle, 51
as defined in division (E) of section 4511.01 of the Revised 52
Code, or a school bus, no person shall operate, move, or park 53
upon, or permit to stand within the right-of-way of any public 54
street or highway any vehicle or equipment that is equipped with 55
and displaying a flashing red or a flashing combination red and 56
white light, or an oscillating or rotating red light, or a 57
combination red and white oscillating or rotating light, ~~and~~ 58
~~except.~~ 59

(2) Except a public law enforcement officer, or other 60
person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the 61
state, operating a public safety vehicle when on duty, no person 62
shall operate, move, or park upon, or permit to stand within the 63
right-of-way of any street or highway any vehicle or equipment 64
that is equipped with, or upon which is mounted, and displaying 65
a flashing blue or a flashing combination blue and white light, 66
or an oscillating or rotating blue light, or a combination blue 67
and white oscillating or rotating light. 68

(E) This section does not prohibit the use of ~~warning any~~ 69
of the following: 70

(1) The warning lights required by law or the simultaneous 71
flashing of turn signals on disabled vehicles or on vehicles 72
being operated in unfavorable atmospheric conditions in order to 73
enhance their visibility. ~~This section also does not prohibit~~ 74
~~the;~~ 75

(2) The simultaneous flashing of turn signals or warning 76
lights either on farm machinery or vehicles escorting farm 77
machinery, when used on a street or highway; 78

(3) A modulating headlight on a motorcycle, provided the 79
headlight and the modulation comply with the federal motor 80
vehicle safety standards set forth in 49 C.F.R. 571.108. 81

(F) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 82
misdemeanor." 83

In line 85, delete "section" and insert "sections"; after "4508.08" 84
insert "and 4513.17" 85

In line 86, delete "is" and insert "are" 86

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 87

Modulating headlights on motorcycles 88

R.C. 4513.17 89

Clarifies that a motorcycle may have a modulating 90
headlight provided that headlight meets federal standards. 91