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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1775

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLES TO HAVE TURN SIGNALS;  
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

10 TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLES TO HAVE TURN  
11 SIGNALS.  
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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16 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-20-104(a), regarding standard equipment  
17 on motor-driven cycles and motorcycles, is amended to read as follows:  
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19 27-20-104. Standard equipment required.

20 (a) After July 5, 1977, all motor-driven cycles and all motorcycles  
21 used upon the public streets and highways of this state shall be equipped  
22 with the following standard equipment:  
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24 (1) At least one (1), but not more than two (2), headlights  
25 ~~which, that~~ in the dark, ~~shall emit~~ emits a white light visible from a  
26 distance of at least five hundred feet (500') in front;  
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28 (2) A red reflector on the rear, ~~which shall be~~ that is visible  
29 from a distance of three hundred feet (300') to the rear when directly in  
30 front of a lawful ~~upper-beam~~ upper-beam head lamp of a motor vehicle;

31 (3) A lamp ~~emitting that~~ emits a red light visible from a  
32 distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear must be used in addition to  
33 the red reflector provided above;

34 (4) Good hand or foot brakes;

35 (5) A horn in good working order, but no bell, siren, or whistle  
36 shall be permitted;



- 1 (6) A standard muffler; ~~and~~  
2 (7) Handholds and support for the passenger's feet when designed  
3 to carry more than one (1) person, unless it is equipped with a sidecar; ~~and~~  
4 (8) Electrical turn signals that meet the requirements of § 27-  
5 36-216(b).

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-20-104(d), regarding standard equipment  
8 on motor-driven cycles and motorcycles, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) After July 5, 1977, all motorized bicycles used upon the public  
10 streets of this state shall be equipped with the following standard  
11 equipment:

12 (1) At least one (1), but not more than two (2), headlights  
13 ~~which, that~~ in the dark, ~~shall~~ emit a white light visible from a distance of  
14 at least two hundred fifty feet (250') in front;

15 (2) A red reflector on the rear ~~which shall be~~ that is visible  
16 from a distance of one hundred fifty feet (150') to the rear when directly in  
17 front of a lawful upper beam head lamp of a motor vehicle;

18 (3) A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of two  
19 hundred fifty feet (250') to the rear must be used in addition to the red  
20 reflector provided above;

21 (4) Good hand or foot brakes;

22 (5) A horn in good working order, provided that no bell, siren,  
23 or whistle shall be permitted; ~~and~~

24 (6) A standard muffler; ~~and~~

25 (7) Electrical turn signals that meet the requirements of § 27-  
26 36-216(b).

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28 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-36-216(d)(2), regarding signal lamps and  
29 signal devices for motor vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

30 (2)(A) No person shall operate on the highways any motor  
31 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered in this state and manufactured or  
32 assembled after July 1, 1959, unless it is equipped with electrical turn  
33 signals meeting the requirements of this section.

34 ~~(B) This provision shall not apply to any motorcycle or~~  
35 ~~motor-driven cycle~~ No person shall operate on the highways any motorcycle,  
36 motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle that was manufactured or assembled

1 after the effective date of this act, unless it is equipped with electrical  
2 turn signals that meet the requirements of this section.

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