

Chapter 569

(House Bill 676)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Equipment on Motorcycles – Auxiliary Lighting

FOR the purpose of authorizing an operator of a motorcycle to use certain auxiliary lighting on the motorcycle; and generally relating to motorcycle lighting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 22–221(l)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

22–221.

(l) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a motorcycle may be equipped with, **AND AN OPERATOR OF A MOTORCYCLE MAY USE**, the following auxiliary lighting:

(i) Blue dot illumination;

(ii) Standard bulb running lights; or

(iii) Light-emitting diode pods and strips added to protect the driver.

(2) (i) Lighting under this subsection shall be:

1. Nonblinking;
2. Nonflashing;
3. Nonoscillating; and
4. Directed toward the engine and the drive train of the motorcycle.

(ii) Lighting under this subsection may not:

1. Be attached to the wheels of the motorcycle; or
2. Emit a red or blue light.

(iii) Blue dot illumination:

1. May be located only on the rear of a motorcycle as part of or adjacent to the rear brake light; and
2. May not exceed three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.