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3 AMENDMENT TO HB212

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8 On page 2, line 17, after "32-5A-80" insert the
9 following:

10 and Section 32-5-40

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12 On page 2, line 19, after "vehicle" insert the
13 following:

14 and to require lighted headlamps from sunset to
15 sunrise

16 On page 5, after line 4, insert the following:

17 Section 32-5-40, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 "§32-5-240.

20 (a) When lighted headlamps required.

21 (1) Every vehicle upon a highway within this state,
22 except a parked vehicle, which shall be subject to Section
23 32-5-244, shall display lighted lamps and illuminating devices
24 required by this section for different classes of vehicles at
25 the following times:

26 a. From ~~a half hour after~~ sunset to ~~a half hour~~
27 ~~before~~ sunrise.

1 b. At any time when the windshield wipers of the
2 vehicle are in use because of rain, sleet, or snow, except
3 when the use is intermittent because of misting rain, sleet,
4 or snow.

5 c. At any time when there is not sufficient light to
6 render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway
7 at a distance of 500 feet.

8 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), whenever motor
9 vehicles or other vehicles are operated in combination during
10 a time that lamps and illuminating devices are required to be
11 lighted, any lamp, other than a tail lamp, that, by reason of
12 its location on a vehicle in the combination would be obscured
13 by another vehicle of the combination, need not be lighted.
14 This subdivision shall not affect the requirement that lighted
15 clearance lamps be displayed on the front of the foremost
16 vehicle required to have clearance lamps or that all lamps
17 required on the rear of the rearmost vehicle of any
18 combination shall be lighted.

19 (b) Head lamps on motor vehicles.

20 (1) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or
21 motor-driven cycle, shall be equipped with at least two but
22 not more than four head lamps, with at least one but not more
23 than two on each side of the front of the motor vehicle. The
24 head lamps shall comply with the requirements and limitations
25 of Section 32-5-242.

26 (2) Every motorcycle and every motor-driven cycle
27 shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two head

1 lamps which shall comply with the requirements and limitations
2 of Section 32-5-242.

3 (3) Every head lamp upon every new motor vehicle
4 sold after January 1, 1950, including every motorcycle and
5 motor-driven cycle, shall be located at a height measured from
6 the center of the head lamp of not more than 54 inches nor
7 less than 24 inches to be measured as set forth in Section
8 32-5-242.

9 (c) Tail lamps.

10 (1) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and
11 pole trailer and any other vehicle which is being drawn at the
12 end of a train of vehicles shall be equipped with at least one
13 tail lamp mounted on the rear which, when lighted as required,
14 emits a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet
15 to the rear. When vehicles are drawn in a train, only the tail
16 lamp on the rearmost vehicle need actually be seen from the
17 distance specified.

18 (2) Every tail lamp upon every vehicle shall be
19 located at a height of not more than 60 inches nor less than
20 20 inches to be measured as set forth in Section 32-5-242.

21 (3) Every motor vehicle shall have a tail lamp or a
22 separate lamp so constructed and placed as to illuminate with
23 a white light the rear registration plate and render it
24 clearly legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any
25 tail lamp or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp for
26 illuminating the rear registration plate, shall be so wired as

1 to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving
2 lamps are lighted.

3 (d) Additional equipment required on certain
4 vehicles. In addition to other equipment required in this
5 article, the following vehicles shall be equipped in the
6 following manner:

7 (1) On every bus or truck, whatever its size, the
8 following shall be on the rear: Two red reflectors, one at
9 each side, and one stop light.

10 (2) On every bus or truck 80 inches or more in
11 overall width, in addition to the requirements in subdivision
12 (1):

13 a. On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each
14 side.

15 b. On the rear, two clearance lamps, one on each
16 side.

17 c. On each side, two side marker lamps, one at or
18 near the front and one at or near the rear.

19 d. On each side, two reflectors, one at or near the
20 front and one at or near the rear.

21 (3) On every truck tractor:

22 a. On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each
23 side.

24 b. On the rear, one stop light.

25 (4) On every trailer or semitrailer having a gross
26 weight in excess of 3,000 pounds:

1 a. On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each
2 side.

3 b. On each side, two side marker lamps, one at or
4 near the front and one at or near the rear.

5 c. On each side, two reflectors, one at or near the
6 front and one at or near the rear.

7 d. On the rear, two clearance lamps, one at each
8 side, also two reflectors, one at each side, and one stop
9 light.

10 (5) On every pole trailer having a gross weight in
11 excess of 3,000 pounds gross weight:

12 a. On each side, one side marker lamp and one
13 clearance lamp which may be in combination, to show to the
14 front, side, and rear.

15 b. On the rear of the pole trailer or load, two
16 reflectors, one at each side.

17 (6) On every trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer
18 having a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less: On the rear,
19 two reflectors, one on each side. If the load or dimensions of
20 any trailer or semitrailer obscures the stop light on the
21 towing vehicle, the towed vehicle shall also be equipped with
22 one stop light.

23 (e) Lamps on other vehicles and equipment. All
24 vehicles, including animal-drawn vehicles and those for which
25 special permits have been issued under authority of Section
26 32-9-29, not otherwise specifically required to be equipped
27 with lamps, shall at the times specified in subsection (a) of

1 this section be equipped with at least one lighted lamp or
2 lantern exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of
3 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and with a lamp or
4 lantern exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500
5 feet to the rear.

6 (f) Stop lamps required on new motor vehicles. It is
7 unlawful for any person to sell any new motor vehicle,
8 including any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, in this state
9 or for any person to drive the vehicle on the highways unless
10 it is equipped with a stop lamp meeting the requirements of
11 Section 32-5-242.

12 (g) New motor vehicles to be equipped with
13 reflectors.

14 (1) No new motor vehicle first sold on or after
15 January 1, 1950, other than a truck tractor, motorcycle, or
16 motor-driven cycle shall be operated on a highway unless the
17 vehicle carries on the rear, either as a part of the tail
18 lamps or separately, two red reflectors. Every motorcycle and
19 every motor-driven cycle shall carry at least one reflector,
20 meeting the requirements of this section. Vehicles
21 specifically provided for in subsection (d) of this section
22 shall be equipped with reflectors as required by that
23 subsection.

24 (2) These reflectors shall be mounted on the vehicle
25 at a height not less than 20 inches nor more than 60 inches
26 measured as set forth in subsection (a) of Section 32-5-242,

1 shall be of such size and characteristics, and shall be so
2 mounted as to be visible at night from 300 feet.