

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1012 of the Code of Virginia, relating to motorcycle brake lights.*

3 [H 1906]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 46.2-1012 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**7 § 46.2-1012. Headlights, auxiliary headlights, tail lights, brake lights, and illumination of license  
8 plates on motorcycles.9 Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one headlight which shall be of a type that has  
10 been approved by the Superintendent and shall be capable of projecting sufficient light to the front of  
11 such motorcycle to render discernible a person or object at a distance of 200 feet. However, the lights  
12 shall not project a glaring or dazzling light to persons approaching such motorcycles. In addition, each  
13 motorcycle may be equipped with not more than two auxiliary headlights of a type approved by the  
14 Superintendent.15 Motorcycles may be equipped with means of modulating the high beam of their headlights between  
16 high and low beam at a rate of 200 to 280 flashes per minute. Such headlights shall not be so  
17 modulated during periods when headlights would ordinarily be required to be lighted under § 46.2-1030.18 Every motorcycle registered in the Commonwealth and operated on the highways of the  
19 Commonwealth shall be equipped with at least one brake light of a type approved by the  
20 Superintendent. Motorcycles may be equipped with one or more auxiliary brake lights of a type  
21 approved by the Superintendent. The Superintendent may by regulation prescribe or limit the size,  
22 number, location, and configuration of such auxiliary brake lights.23 Every motorcycle shall carry at the rear at least one or more red lights plainly visible in clear  
24 weather from a distance of 500 feet to the rear of such vehicle. Such tail lights shall be constructed and  
25 so mounted in their relation to the rear license plate as to illuminate the license plate with a white light  
26 so that the same may be read from a distance of 50 feet to the rear of such vehicle. Alternatively, a  
27 separate white light shall be so mounted as to illuminate the rear license plate from a distance of 50 feet  
28 to the rear of such vehicle. Any such tail lights or special white light shall be of a type approved by the  
29 Superintendent.30 *Motorcycles may be equipped with a means of varying the brightness of the vehicle's brake light for*  
31 *a duration of not more than five seconds upon application of the vehicle's brakes.*

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