

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1012 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lights on motorcycles and*
3 *autocycles.*

4 [H 1700]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-1012 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-1012. Headlights, auxiliary headlights, tail lights, brake lights, and illumination of license**
9 **plates on motorcycles or autocycles.**

10 Every motorcycle or autocycle shall be equipped with at least one headlight which shall be of a type
11 that has been approved by the Superintendent and shall be capable of projecting sufficient light to the
12 front of such motorcycle or autocycle to render discernible a person or object at a distance of 200 feet.
13 However, the lights shall not project a glaring or dazzling light to persons approaching such motorcycles
14 or autocycles. In addition, each motorcycle or autocycle may be equipped with not more than two
15 auxiliary headlights of a type approved by the Superintendent.

16 Motorcycles or autocycles may be equipped with means of modulating the high beam of their
17 headlights between high and low beam at a rate of 200 to 280 flashes per minute. Such headlights shall
18 not be so modulated during periods when headlights would ordinarily be required to be lighted under
19 § 46.2-1030.

20 Every motorcycle or autocycle registered in the Commonwealth and operated on the highways of the
21 Commonwealth shall be equipped with at least one brake light of a type approved by the
22 Superintendent. Motorcycles or autocycles may be equipped with one or more auxiliary brake lights of a
23 type approved by the Superintendent. The Superintendent may by regulation prescribe or limit the size,
24 number, location, and configuration of such auxiliary brake lights.

25 Every motorcycle or autocycle shall carry at the rear at least one or more red lights plainly visible in
26 clear weather from a distance of 500 feet to the rear of such vehicle. Such tail lights shall be
27 constructed and so mounted in their relation to the rear license plate as to illuminate the license plate
28 with a white light so that the same may be read from a distance of 50 feet to the rear of such vehicle.
29 Alternatively, a separate white light shall be so mounted as to illuminate the rear license plate from a
30 distance of 50 feet to the rear of such vehicle. Any such tail lights or special white light shall be of a
31 type approved by the Superintendent.

32 Motorcycles or autocycles may be equipped with a means of varying the brightness of the vehicle's
33 brake light for a duration of not more than five seconds upon application of the vehicle's brakes.