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SENATE BILL NO. 316

BY SENATOR CLOUD

MOTOR VEHICLES. Prohibits alteration of a vehicle that causes a change in the trajectory of that vehicle's headlamps. (8/1/22)

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 32:322, relative to motor vehicle headlamps; to provide for
prohibited alterations; to provide technical changes; and to provide for related
matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 32:322 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§322. Use of multiple beam road lighting equipment
A. Whenever a motor vehicle is being operated on a roadway or adjacent
shoulder adjacent thereto during the times specified in R.S. 32:301, the driver shall
use a distribution of light or composite beam, directed high enough and of sufficient
intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at safe distance in advance of the vehicle
subject to the following requirements and limitations-:
B.(1) Whenever a driver of a vehicle approaches an oncoming vehicle within
500 feet, such the driver shall use a distribution of light, or composite beam, so
aimed that the glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the oncoming driver.
The lowermost distribution of light, or composite beam, specified in R.S. 32:321,
shall be dimmed to avoid glare at all times, regardless of road contour and loading.

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1	C.(2) Whenever the driver of a vehicle follows another vehicle within 200	
2	feet to the rear, except when engaged in the act of overtaking or passing, such <u>the</u>	
3	driver shall use a distribution of light permissible under this Chapter other than the	
4	uppermost distribution of light specified in R.S. 32:321(1).	
5	$D_{-}(3)$ Whenever the driver of a vehicle approaches an oncoming vehicle	
6	within five hundred feet or follows another vehicle two hundred feet to the rear, such	
7	the driver shall not use any fog lamps or other auxiliary driving or passing lamps,	
8	except during periods of inclement weather or fog.	
9	B. The vehicle manufacturer's specified height of any passenger car	
10	shall not be altered, modified, elevated, or lowered in such a way as to change	
11	the trajectory of the vehicle's distribution of light.	

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

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Present law provides for requirements of mounted height of vehicle lamps.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains present law and provides a requirement that vehicle modifications shall not alter the trajectory of vehicle lamps.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 32:322)