

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 583

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Prohibits operation of motor vehicles with after-market installed High Intensity Discharge headlights

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:334, relative to motor vehicle lamps; to prohibit operation of a motor  
3 vehicle with certain lamps; to prohibit installation of certain lamps on a motor  
4 vehicle; to prohibit issuance of an official certificate of inspection; to provide for  
5 penalties; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:334 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §334. Installation or use of certain lamps prohibited

9 A. No person shall install upon or as part of the equipment of a motor  
10 vehicle, any head lamp, auxiliary or fog lamp, rear lamp, signal lamp, or reflector,  
11 or parts of any of the foregoing, which tend to change the original design or  
12 performance, unless the lamp or parts of the lamp is in compliance with Federal  
13 Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, as adopted by the National Highway Traffic  
14 Safety Administration.

15 B. No person shall operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with any head  
16 lamp, auxiliary or fog lamp, rear lamp, signal lamp, or reflector, or parts of any of  
17 the foregoing, which tend to change the original design or performance, unless the  
18 lamp or parts of the lamp is in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety  
19 Standard No. 108, as adopted by the National Highway Traffic Safety  
20 Administration.

- 1                    C. An official inspection station shall be prohibited from issuing an official  
2                    certificate of inspection to the driver of a motor vehicle that is in violation of this  
3                    Section.
- 4                    D.(1) A first violation of the provisions of Subsection A or B of this Section  
5                    shall be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars.
- 6                    (2) Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of an additional  
7                    twenty-five dollars to the original fine.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the installation on certain equipment of a motor vehicle or operation of a motor vehicle equipped with any type of lamp or reflector that changes the original design or performance unless it is in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108.

Proposed law prohibits the installation upon or as part of the equipment of a motor vehicle, any head lamp, auxiliary or fog lamp, rear lamp, signal lamp, or reflector, or parts of any of the foregoing, which tend to change the original design or performance, unless the lamp or parts of the lamp is in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No.108, as adopted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Proposed law prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with any head lamp, auxiliary or fog lamp, rear lamp, signal lamp, or reflector, or parts of any of the foregoing, which tend to change the original design or performance, unless the lamp or parts of the lamp is in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No.108, as adopted by the NHTSA.

Proposed law prohibits an official inspection station from issuing an official certificate of inspection to the driver of a motor vehicle that is in violation of proposed law.

Proposed law provides for a \$50 fine for a 1st violation and an additional \$25 fine for each subsequent violation.

(Adds R.S. 32:334)