

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 955

Short Title: Bicycle Lights at Night. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Nesbitt.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

March 26, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE BICYCLES TO HAVE VISIBLE LIGHTS ON THE FRONT AND  
REAR OF THE BICYCLE WHEN OPERATED AT NIGHT ON A STREET OR  
HIGHWAY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-129(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Lamps on Bicycles. – Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lighted lamp on the front thereof, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 300 feet in front of such bicycle, and shall also be equipped with a ~~reflex mirror or~~ lamp on the rear, exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such bicycle, when ~~used at night~~ in operation on a street or highway."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

