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SENATE DRS85124-RW-21 (03/12)

Short Title: Bicycle Lights at Night.

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Sponsors: Senator Nesbitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE BICYCLES TO HAVE VISIBLE LIGHTS ON THE FRONT AND
3 REAR OF THE BICYCLE WHEN OPERATED AT NIGHT ON A STREET OR
4 HIGHWAY.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-129(e) reads as rewritten:
7 "(e) Lamps on Bicycles. – Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lighted lamp on the
8 front thereof, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 300 feet
9 in front of such bicycle, and shall also be equipped with a ~~reflex mirror or~~ lamp on the rear,
10 exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear
11 of such bicycle, when ~~used at night~~ in operation on a street or highway."
12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to
13 offenses committed on or after that date.

