



SENATE BILL 182: Prohibit Use of Light Bars on Motor Vehicles.

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2017-112		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2017-112 prohibits the use of bar-shaped lighting devices that project a light greater than 25 candlepower on the highway while driving.*

This act becomes effective October 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

CURRENT LAW: Current law restricts lighting devices other than headlamps, spot lamps, or auxiliary driving lamps, which project a beam of light that is greater than 25 candlepower by restricting the direction of the light beam.

BILL ANALYSIS: This act prohibits the use of a light bar lighting device on the highway while driving. A light bar is defined as a bar-shaped lighting device comprised of multiple lamps capable of projecting a beam of light with an intensity greater than 25 candlepower. This restriction does not apply to police and emergency vehicles, and other vehicles excluded by law. This restriction does not apply to the use of a light bar lighting device with strobing lights.

Violation of this prohibition is an infraction with a penalty of not more than \$100.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective October 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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