



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

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 182 would prohibit the use of light bars that project a light at an intensity greater than 25 candlepower on motor vehicles being operated on the highway.

CURRENT LAW: Current law provides for requirements and restrictions on headlamps, spot lamps, and auxiliary lamps on motor vehicles. G.S. 20-130(c) provides restrictions on how any other device which projects a beam of light that is greater than 25 candlepower may be directed. However, it does not prohibit additional lighting equipment altogether.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 182 would prohibit the use of a light bar lighting device on a motor vehicle while the vehicle is being operated on the highway. A light bar is a bar-shaped lighting device comprised of multiple lamps capable of projecting a beam of light at an intensity greater than 25 candlepower.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective October 1, 2017, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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