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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A VEHICLE APPROACHES ANOTHER VEHICLE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, AT NIGHT, ONLY LOW-BEAM HEADLAMPS AND NO MORE THAN TWO OTHER FACTORY-INSTALLED AUXILIARY LAMPS MAY BE ILLUMINATED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-131(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Whenever a motor vehicle meets another vehicle on any highway all of the following shall apply:

(1) ~~It shall be permissible to tilt the beams of the headlamps downward or to substitute therefor for the low-beam headlamps the light from an a pair of auxiliary driving lamp or pair of such lamps subject to the requirement that the tilted headlamps or auxiliary lamp or lamps shall give sufficient illumination under normal atmospheric conditions and on a level road to render clearly discernible a person 75 feet ahead,~~  
ahead.

(2) ~~but shall not project a~~ No glaring or dazzling light shall be projected to persons in front of the vehicle: Provided, that vehicle.

(3) ~~at At all times times, as required in G.S. 20-129~~ G.S. 20-129, at least two lights shall be displayed on the front of and on opposite sides of every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, road roller, road machinery, or farm tractor.

(3.1) No lights above the headlamps, except factory-installed lights, may be illuminated while operating a motor vehicle on a public street or highway. This subdivision shall not apply to emergency vehicles while operated in the performance of their duties or to other vehicles when performing emergency services during declared emergencies.

1           (4)   When beams are tilted or lowered, or when low-beam headlamps are  
2           used pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, no more than two  
3           other factory-installed lights shall be illuminated to the front of the  
4           vehicle. All lights installed after original purchase of the vehicle that  
5           are aimed forward shall be extinguished so as to minimize the glaring  
6           or dazzling white light projected at the oncoming driver."

7           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2001.