

**Senate File 241 - Introduced**

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BY JOHNSON

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to lighted lamps on bicycles.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.397, Code 2015, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **321.397 Lamps on bicycles.**

4 Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lamp on the front  
5 exhibiting a white light, at the times specified in section  
6 321.384, visible from a distance of at least three hundred feet  
7 to the front and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light  
8 visible from a distance of three hundred feet to the rear;  
9 ~~except that a red reflector may be used in lieu of a rear light.~~  
10 A peace officer riding a police bicycle is not required to use  
11 either front or rear lamps if duty so requires.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 Current law provides that a bicycle shall have a front  
16 lighted lamp and either a rear lighted lamp or a rear reflector  
17 at any time from sunset to sunrise, and at such other times  
18 when conditions such as fog, snow, sleet, or rain provide  
19 insufficient lighting to render clearly discernible persons and  
20 vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

21 This bill provides that a bicycle shall have a rear lighted  
22 lamp during the stated periods of time, and may not use a rear  
23 reflector in lieu of the rear lighted lamp. The scheduled fine  
24 for violating this provision is \$25.