

H.B. 120
Tail Light Obstruction Amendments

Representative **Paul A. Cutler** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Line 3 through 8:*

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill addresses vehicle lighting requirements relating to cargo carriers { ~~and bicycle racks~~ } .

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This Bill:

8 →prohibits operating a motor vehicle when a cargo carrier obscures required tail lights

2. *Line 23 through 42:*

23 Section **41-6a-1647**. is enacted to read:

24 **41-6a-1647** Tail light obstruction prohibited -- Cargo carriers { ~~and bicycle racks~~ } .

25 (1) As used in this section:

26 { ~~(a) "Bicycle rack" means any device attached to a vehicle for the purpose of transporting~~

27 { ~~bicycles.~~ }

28 { ~~(b)~~ } (a) "Cargo carrier" means any device attached to a vehicle for the purpose of

29 transporting cargo, luggage, or equipment, including:

30 (i) a hitch-mounted cargo carrier;

31 { ~~(ii)~~ } a bicycle rack;

32 { ~~(iii)~~ } (ii) a cargo tray; and

33 { ~~(iv)~~ } (iii) a cargo basket.

34 { ~~(e)~~ } (b) "Reflector" means a device designed to reflect light from another light source to

35 provide visibility of the device.

36 { ~~(d)~~ } (c) "Tail light" or "tail lamp" means the rear lighting equipment required under Section

37 41-6a-1603.

38 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), an individual may not operate a vehicle

39 to which a cargo carrier is attached on a highway if the cargo carrier obscures,

40 obstructs, or blocks { ~~a required tail light such that the tail light is~~ } both required tail lights

41 such that the tail lights are not clearly visible

42 from a distance of 500 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

43 (b) An individual may operate a vehicle as described in Subsection (2)(a) if the

3. *Line 43:*

43 individual installs auxiliary lighting equipment or reflectors in accordance with

4. *Line 43 through 49:*

43 individual installs auxiliary lighting equipment or reflectors in accordance with

44 Subsection (3).

45 (3) (a) If an individual operates a vehicle on a highway with a cargo carrier that obscures,
46 obstructs, or blocks {a tail light} both tail lights, the individual shall install auxiliary lighting
47 equipment or reflectors installed as described in Subsection (3)(b).

48 (b) An individual required to install auxiliary lighting or reflectors required under
49 Subsection (3)(a) shall: