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AN ACT to amend 346.595 (5); and to create 347.115 and 347.145 of the statutes, relating to modulating headlamps and tail lamps on motor-driven cycles, motor bicycles and mopeds.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 346.595 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.595 (5) The headlamps on motor-driven cycles shall be lighted whenever the cycle is in operation. Motor-driven cycles may be operated to the nearest repair facility for headlamp repair in the event of mechanical or electrical headlamp failure except during hours of darkness. Mopeds shall observe the requirements for lighted headlamps and tail lamps under s. 347.06.

SECTION 2. 347.115 of the statutes is created to read:

347.115 Modulating headlamps for motor-driven cycles, motor bicycles or mopeds. A motor-driven cycle, motor bicycle or moped may be equipped with and use a means of modulating the upper beam of the headlamp between a high and a lower brightness at a rate of 200 to 280 changes per minute. A headlamp may not be modulated during hours of darkness.

SECTION 3. 347.145 of the statutes is created to read:

347.145 Deceleration warning lights for motor-driven cycles, motor bicycles or mopeds. A motor-driven cycle, motor bicycle or moped may be equipped with and use a system in which an amber light which pulses in a controlled fashion at a rate which varies exponentially with deceleration is center mounted on the rear of the vehicle.