

HOUSE BILL 2591

By McDonald

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 9, relative to headlights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-409, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Any law enforcement officer having reasonable ground to believe that any headlamp or auxiliary driving or fog lamp or any device subject to approval upon a vehicle emits a glaring light as defined in §§ 55-9-406 and 55-9-408, or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this part, may require the driver of the vehicle to stop and submit the lamp to an inspection or test. In the event the lamp or device is not of the type that has been approved by the department, the officer making the inspection shall require the driver of the vehicle to remove the illegal lamp within twenty-four (24) hours, and may arrest the driver and give the driver a notice to appear, and may further require the driver or the owner of the vehicle to produce in court satisfactory evidence of the removal of the illegal lamp.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-410, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Whenever the driver of a vehicle is directed by any law enforcement officer to stop and submit the lights upon the vehicle to an inspection or test under the conditions stated in § 55-9-409, it is the duty of the driver to stop and submit to the inspection or test, and a failure or refusal to do so is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.