

TITLE 31

Motor and Other vehicles

CHAPTER 31-19

Operation of Bicycles

SECTION 31-19-10

§ 31-19-10 Lamps and other equipment on bicycles. – (a) *Front lamp.* Every bicycle and/or rider when use in traveling at nighttime from sunset to sunrise, during inclement weather such as rain, sleet, snow, or hail, or any other time when there is not sufficient light or visibility to clearly see persons or other vehicles on a roadway at a distance of five hundred feet (500'), shall be equipped with a forward facing lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet (500') to the front.

(b) *Rear reflector.* Every bicycle and/or rider shall be equipped with a red reflector of a type approved by the division of motor vehicles which shall be visible for six hundred feet (600') to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

~~(c) *Pedal reflectors.* No person shall sell a new bicycle or a pedal for use on a bicycle that is not equipped with a reflector of a type approved by the department, on each pedal of the bicycle which is visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during darkness from a distance of two hundred feet (200') nor shall any person operate a bicycle without reflective pedals.~~

(~~c~~) *Sirens or whistles.* A bicycle shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use a bicycle equipped with, a siren or whistle.

(~~d~~) *Brakes.* No person shall sell a bicycle, new or used, that is not equipped, and every bicycle, excluding bicycles that are especially designed and made for off-road use, shall be equipped with a brake or brakes which will enable the operator to stop the bicycle within twenty-five feet (25') at a speed of ten (10) mph on dry, level, clean pavement.

(~~e~~) *Side reflectors.* Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a minimum of twenty (20) square inches on each side of the bicycle of white reflective material on the wheels or tires to indicate as nearly as possible the continuous circular shape and size of the wheels or tires of each bicycle. All reflective materials used in compliance with this statute shall be visible during the hours of darkness from five hundred feet (500') when viewed under lawful low beam headlamps under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway, and shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the division of motor vehicles.