House Bill 410
By: Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Gravley of the 67th, McCall of the 33rd, Hatchett of the 150th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-8-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to spotlights, foglights, and auxiliary lights permitted on motor vehicles, so as to allow for the use of bar shaped lighting devices on motor vehicles to be illuminated under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Code Section 40-8-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to spotlights, foglights, and auxiliary lights permitted on motor vehicles, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

“(e) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with a bar shaped lighting device positioned atop or on the front of such vehicle and comprising multiple lamps capable of projecting a nonflashing white or amber beam of light at an intensity no greater than the uppermost distribution of light allowable by this part, provided that such device is capable of being controlled by a switch or button within the motor vehicle. Such device shall be illuminated only in a manner consistent with the illumination distance requirements to prevent glaring rays from being projected into the eyes of another driver as set forth in Code Section 40-8-31 and may be utilized as a replacement for or contemporaneously with the uppermost distribution of light from headlights. Such device may be illuminated continuously when the motor vehicle is being operated upon a private road or used for off-road purposes. For purposes of this Code section, the term 'off-road purposes' means travel over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. The limitations upon the use of such devices set forth by this subsection shall not apply to law enforcement or emergency vehicles.”

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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