

SB 5937 - S AMD 189

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.100 and 2002 c 196 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Front clearance lamps and those marker lamps and reflectors
6 mounted on the front or on the side near the front of a vehicle shall
7 display or reflect an amber color.

8 (2) Rear clearance lamps and those marker lamps and reflectors
9 mounted on the rear or on the sides near the rear of a vehicle shall
10 display or reflect a red color.

11 (3) All lighting devices and reflectors mounted on the rear of
12 any vehicle shall display or reflect a red color, except the stop
13 lamp or other signal device, which may be red, amber, or yellow, and
14 except that on any vehicle forty or more years old, or on any
15 motorcycle regardless of age, the taillight may also contain a blue
16 or purple insert of not more than one inch in diameter, and except
17 that the light illuminating the license plate shall be white and the
18 light emitted by a backup lamp shall be white or amber. However, for
19 commercial motor vehicles defined in RCW 46.25.010, stop lamps must
20 be red and other signal devices must be red or amber.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.37.200 and 2006 c 306 s 3 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Any vehicle may be equipped and when required under this
24 chapter shall be equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of
25 the vehicle which shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of
26 color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than
27 one hundred feet and on any vehicle manufactured or assembled after
28 January 1, 1964, three hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight,
29 and which shall be actuated upon application of a service brake, and
30 which may but need not be incorporated with one or more other rear

1 lamps. However, for commercial motor vehicles defined in RCW
2 46.25.010, stop lamps must be red.

3 (2) Any vehicle may be equipped and when required under RCW
4 46.37.070(2) shall be equipped with electric turn signals which shall
5 indicate an intention to turn by flashing lights showing to the front
6 and rear of a vehicle or on a combination of vehicles on the side of
7 the vehicle or combination toward which the turn is to be made. The
8 lamps showing to the front shall be mounted on the same level and as
9 widely spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall
10 emit amber light: PROVIDED, That on any vehicle manufactured prior to
11 January 1, 1969, the lamps showing to the front may emit white or
12 amber light, or any shade of light between white and amber. The lamp
13 showing to the rear shall be mounted on the same level and as widely
14 spaced laterally as practicable, and, when signaling, shall emit a
15 red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber. Turn
16 signal lamps shall be visible from a distance of not less than five
17 hundred feet to the front and rear in normal sunlight. Turn signal
18 lamps may, but need not be, incorporated in other lamps on the
19 vehicle.

20 (3) Any vehicle may be equipped and when required under this
21 chapter shall be equipped with a center high-mounted stop lamp
22 mounted on the center line of the rear of the vehicle. These stop
23 lamps shall display a red light visible from a distance of not less
24 than three hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight, and shall be
25 actuated upon application of a service brake, and may not be
26 incorporated with any other rear lamps."

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27 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "vehicles;" strike the
28 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 46.37.100 and
29 46.37.200."

EFFECT: Limits the bill to commercial motor vehicles only, meaning for those vehicles rear stop lamps must be red and other rear signal devices must be red or amber.

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