



## LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MEMO

MEMO: 16-04

SUBJECT: Bicycle Safety Rear Lights

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<b>Purpose</b>	To provide information to law enforcement regarding a new law concerning bicycle rear lights.
<b>Background</b>	Prior law required bicycles to be equipped with a rear red reflector when operated on a highway during darkness.
<b>New Information</b>	Effective January 1, 2016, Assembly Bill 28 amends California Vehicle Code §21201(d)(2) requiring a bicycle operated during darkness to be equipped with a red reflector <i>or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector</i> on the rear. The reflector or light shall be visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.
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