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TO: All Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Headlamp Modulators

Please remind all officers that headlamp modulators on motorcycles are legal in New York State. A “headlamp modulator” is a device that causes the intensity of the motorcycle headlamp to fluctuate and, therefore, to be more noticeable.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Regulation 49 CFR 571.108, Section 7.9.4 (Motorcycle headlamp modulation system) specifically allows motorcycles to have headlamp modulators. Because these devices are expressly permitted by federal regulations, they are legal in all states. Therefore, motorcycles with headlamp modulators are permitted in New York State.

Please share this information with all appropriate staff. Thank you.

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Commissioner

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