

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 175

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7 S.P. 80

In Senate, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Violette of Aroostook.
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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Require that Motor Vehicle
18 Operators Turn on Their Headlights During
19 Inclement Weather.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 29 MRSA §1071, first ¶, as amended by PL 1969, c.
24 138, §4, is further amended to read:

25 Every vehicle, whether stationary or in motion,
26 on any way or bridge shall have attached to it a
27 light ~~or lights~~ or headlights and taillights so dis-
28 played as to be visible from the front and rear
29 ~~thereof~~ during the period from 1/2 hour after sunset
30 to 1/2 hour before sunrise, and at any other time
31 during daylight when, due to insufficient light or
32 unfavorable atmospheric conditions weather, caused by
33 fog, rain, freezing rain, snow or other forms of in-
34 clement atmospheric conditions ~~or otherwise~~, persons
35 and vehicles on the highways are not clearly discern-
36 ible at a distance of 500 feet ahead. This section

1 shall not apply to any vehicle which is designed to
2 be propelled by hand, nor to any vehicle not in
3 motion and parked or beside a curb in a place and un-
4 der conditions where there is sufficient artificial
5 light to make ~~such~~ that vehicle clearly visible from
6 a distance not less than 100 feet in each direction.
7 "Sunrise" and "sunset" shall be the time given in the
8 Maine Farmers' Almanac.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 The purpose of this bill is to more clearly de-
11 fine inclement weather conditions which require oper-
12 ators to turn on headlights and taillights during
13 daylight.

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