

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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7 H.P. 231

House of Representatives, January 25, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on January 25, 1983. Referred to the
9 Committee on Transportation, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Require Headlights on Vehicles
18 to be Used at Certain Times.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §1366, 2nd paragraph, as amended by PL
23 1981, c. 98, §9, is further amended to read:

24 Every headlamp, upon every motor vehicle, includ-
25 ing every motorcycle and motor driven cycle, shall be
26 located at a height measured from the center of the
27 headlamp of not more than 54 inches nor less than 22
28 inches above the level surface upon which said vehi-
29 cle stands. Headlamps on snow plows may be located at
30 a height greater than 54 inches above said level sur-
31 face. All such headlamps shall be equipped with
32 lenses or reflectors that emit only a white beam of
33 light. The lamps Lamps and lights shall conform to
34 and operate in accordance with the rules and regula-

1 tions promulgated from time to time by the Commis-
2 sioner of Public Safety and shall be lighted during
3 the period from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour
4 before sunrise, and at any time when, due to insuffi-
5 cient light or unfavorable atmospheric condition,
6 caused by fog or otherwise, persons in vehicles on
7 the highway are not clearly discernible for a dis-
8 tance of 500 feet ahead, except as provided in
9 section 1755, or whenever the windshield wipers are
10 activated.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill requires headlights to be on whenever
13 windshield wipers are used.

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