

# 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. 498

House of Representatives, February 7, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on February 7, 1983. Referred to the  
9 Committee on Transportation and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule  
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10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Ainsworth of Yarmouth.  
Cosponsor: Representative Moholland of Princeton.

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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 Operators of Motor  
18 Vehicles to Turn on Headlights and Taillights  
19 During Daylight in Inclement  
20 Weather.  
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
23 follows:

24 29 MRSA §1071, first ¶, as amended by PL 1969, c.  
25 138, §4, is further amended to read:

26 Every vehicle, whether stationary or in motion,  
27 on any way or bridge shall have attached to it a  
28 light ~~or lights or headlights and taillights~~ so dis-  
29 played as to be visible from the front and rear  
30 ~~thereof~~ during the period from 1/2 hour after sunset  
31 to 1/2 hour before sunrise, and at any other time  
32 during daylight when, due to insufficient light or  
33 unfavorable ~~atmospheric conditions~~ weather, caused by

1 fog, rain, freezing rain, snow or other forms of  
2 inclement atmospheric conditions ~~or otherwise~~, per-  
3 sons and vehicles on the highways are not clearly  
4 discernible at a distance of 500 feet ahead. This  
5 section shall not apply to any vehicle which is  
6 designed to be propelled by hand, nor to any vehicle  
7 not in motion and parked or beside a curb in a place  
8 and under conditions where there is sufficient arti-  
9 ficial light to make such that vehicle clearly vis-  
10 ible from a distance not less than 100 feet in each  
11 direction. "Sunrise" and "sunset" shall be the time  
12 given in the Maine Farmers' Almanac.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to more clearly de-  
15 fine inclement weather conditions which require oper-  
16 ators to turn on headlights and taillights during  
17 daylight.

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