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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens.

Cosponsored by Representative DUFFY of Bangor and Representative
CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Require Drivers to Turn Off Auxiliary Lights.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **29 MRSA §1367-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 644, §8,
5 is amended to read:

7 **1. Spot and fog lights.** There shall not be used on or in
9 connection with any motor vehicle a spotlight or more than 2 fog
11 or auxiliary lights, the rays from which shine more than 2 feet
13 above the road at a distance of 30 feet from the vehicle, except
15 that such a spotlight may be used for the purpose of reading
17 signs and as an auxiliary light in cases of necessity when the
other lights required by law fail to operate. No fog or
auxiliary light mounted on any vehicle at a height greater than
the center of the main headlamps may be illuminated while that
vehicle is being operated on any public way, except as provided
by section 1462, and the beam emitted shall be white or amber.

19 Except in an emergency or as provided by section 1462, the
21 operator of a vehicle on any public way shall turn off any fog or
auxiliary light mounted on that vehicle when the operator dims
the vehicle's headlights from upper or high beam to low beam.

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25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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29 This bill requires drivers to turn off their fog or
auxiliary lights when dimming their headlights from high beam to
low beam except in emergencies or when operating snow removal or
sanding equipment.