

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 707

House of Representatives, March 29, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

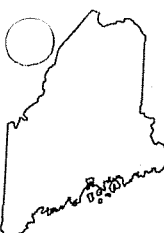
Presented by Representative LAPOINTE of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford, Representative COTE of Auburn and Representative MILLS of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Mandate the Use of Headlights during Inclement Weather.



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

3 29 MRSA §1071, first ¶, as amended by PL 1969, c. 138, §4, is
5 further amended to read:

7 Every vehicle, whether stationary or in motion, on any
9 public way or bridge shall have attached to it a light or lights
11 headlights and taillights so displayed as to be visible from the
13 front and rear thereof during the period from 1/2 hour after
15 sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, and at any other time during
17 daylight when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable
19 atmospheric conditions weather, including, but not limited to,
21 caused by fog or otherwise, rain, freezing rain, snow or other
23 forms of inclement atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles
on the highways public ways or bridges are not clearly
discernible at a distance of 500 feet ahead. This section shall
does not apply to any vehicle which is designed to be propelled
by hand, nor to any parked vehicle ~~not in motion and parked~~ or a
vehicle beside a curb in a place and under conditions where there
is sufficient artificial light to make such that vehicle clearly
visible from a distance ~~not less than~~ of at least 100 feet in
each direction. "Sunrise" and "sunset" shall be the time given in
the Maine Farmers' Almanac.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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29 The purpose of this bill is to more clearly define inclement
weather conditions which require operators to turn on headlights
and taillights during daylight.