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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 14, L.D. 17, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Use of Headlights in Inclement Weather"

16 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and  
18 inserting in its place the following:

20 'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1071, first ¶, as amended by PL 1969, c. 138,  
§4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

22 A vehicle located on a way must be equipped with lights as  
24 described in section 1366. The lights must be illuminated during  
26 the period 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise and  
28 at any time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable  
30 atmospheric conditions, including, but not limited to, rain,  
32 freezing rain, fog or snow, persons or vehicles on the way are  
not discernible for a distance of 1,000 feet ahead. This section  
does not apply to a vehicle that is parked or standing off the  
main traveled portion of the way. "Sunrise" and "sunset" are the  
times given in the Maine Farmers' Almanac.'

34 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of  
36 fact the following:

38 'FISCAL NOTE

40 There may be additional cases filed throughout the court  
42 system. The costs associated with these cases are expected to be  
44 minimal and be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the  
46 Judicial Department.'

48 STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment makes more stringent the requirement that  
vehicle lights be illuminated when lighting or weather conditions  
obscure vision, from 500 to 1,000 feet ahead. It also removes  
the civil forfeiture from the bill, deletes antiquated and  
unnecessary language from the original law and adds a fiscal note.

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