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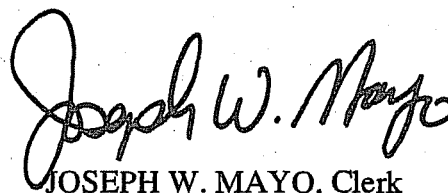
No. 570

H.P. 444

House of Representatives, February 22, 1993

An Act to Increase Driver Safety in Inclement Weather.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TREAT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Representative LINDAHL of Northport, Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland and Representatives: SIMONEAU of Thomaston, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, Senator: GOULD of Waldo.

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

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Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1071, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 21, §1, is amended to read:

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A vehicle located on a way must be equipped with lights as described in section 1366. The lights must be illuminated during the period 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, when extended use of windshield wipers is necessary and at any time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including, but not limited to, rain, 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.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires that motor vehicle headlights be operated whenever extended use of windshield wipers is necessary.