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House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

**An Act to Require the Use of Headlights on Vehicles Whenever the
Windshield Wipers Are in Continuous Use.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOHNSON of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, GREEN of Monmouth, LEMKE of
Westbrook, MORRISON of Bangor, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TRIPP of Topsham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2067, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
5 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **1. Display of lights.** A vehicle located on a way must be
7 equipped with lights as described in section 1904. The lights
8 must be illuminated during the period 1/2 hour after sunset to
9 1/2 hour before sunrise, at any time when atmospheric conditions
10 require continuous operation of the mechanical windshield wipers
11 on the vehicle and at any time when, due to insufficient light or
12 unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including, but not limited
13 to, rain, freezing rain, fog or snow, persons or vehicles on the
14 way are not discernible for a distance of 1,000 feet ahead. This
15 section does not apply to a vehicle that is parked or standing
16 off the main traveled portion of the way.

17 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2067, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

18 **4. Penalty.** A person who violates the provisions of
19 subsection 1 commits a traffic infraction and is subject to a
20 forfeiture of \$50.
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25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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27 This bill requires headlights to be on whenever windshield
28 wipers are used. The bill also imposes a forfeiture of \$50 for
29 violation of this provision of law.
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