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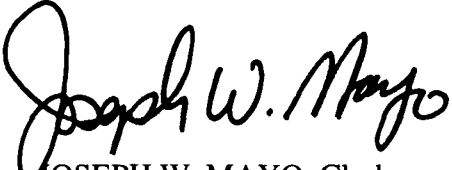
No. 574

H.P. 417

House of Representatives, February 17, 1995

**An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Post Signs
Indicating That Headlights Must Be On When Windshield Wipers Are in
Use.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representative: RICE of South Bristol.

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

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

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6 **1. Display of lights.** A vehicle located on a way must be
equipped with lights as described in section 1904. The lights
8 must be illuminated during the period 1/2 hour after sunset to
1/2 hour before sunrise; at any time when atmospheric conditions
10 require continuous operation of the mechanical windshield wipers
on the vehicle; and at any time when, due to insufficient light
12 or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including, but not limited
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
section does not apply to a vehicle that is parked or standing
16 off the main traveled portion of the way.

18 **Sec. 2. Display of signs.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 23, chapter 21, the Department of Transportation
20 is directed to erect signs on all public ways informing motor
vehicle operators that lights must be on whenever atmospheric
22 conditions require continuous operation of the mechanical
windshield wipers on the vehicles.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

28 This bill requires headlights to be on whenever windshield
wipers are used. The bill also directs the Department of
30 Transportation to erect signs informing motor vehicle operators
that the headlights on their motor vehicles must be on when the
32 windshield wipers are in use.