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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 144, L.D. 423, Bill, "An Act to Require That Headlights Be on during Inclement Weather"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'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 B, §5, is repealed and the following enacting in its place:

1. Display of headlights A vehicle located on a way must be equipped with headlights as described in section 1904. The headlights must be illuminated:

A. During the period 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise:

B. 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; and

C. At any time when windshield wipers are in constant use.

This subsection does not apply to a vehicle that is parked or standing off the main traveled portion of the way.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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The amendment strikes the bill and provides that headlights must be used whenever windshield wipers are in constant use. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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