

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 423

S.P. 144

In Senate, January 23, 1997

**An Act to Require That Headlights Be on during Inclement Weather.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot,  
ABROMSON of Cumberland, O'GARA of Cumberland, Representatives: GIERINGER of  
Portland, MAILHOT of Lewiston, LOVETT of Scarborough, McALEVEY of Waterboro.

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

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4       **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:

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 and at any time when, windshield wipers  
10 are used due to ~~insufficient light or~~ unfavorable atmospheric  
conditions, including, but not limited to, rain, freezing rain,  
12 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  
14 to a vehicle that is parked or standing off the main traveled  
portion of the way.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill requires that, whenever windshield wipers are used  
due to inclement weather conditions, headlights must also be used.