

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 807

House of Representatives, March 4, 2003

### **An Act To Prohibit the Use of Imitation High-intensity Discharge Bulbs**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BENNETT of Caribou.  
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: CHURCHILL of Washburn, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, NORBERT of  
Portland, PARADIS of Frenchville, SMITH of Van Buren, Senator: KNEELAND of  
Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1904, sub-§5, ¶G is enacted to read:**

6 G. A replacement bulb or other lighting device intended to  
8 replace a headlight must conform with and be installed  
10 according to the federal motor vehicle safety standards  
12 established in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, 571.108  
14 (2002) for original-equipment headlights. The use of  
16 high-intensity discharge bulbs is permitted, but only to the  
18 extent that the bulbs are installed in conformity with this  
20 paragraph. The operator of a vehicle in noncompliance with  
22 this paragraph is considered in violation of the inspection  
standards set forth in section 1756.

### SUMMARY

This bill requires replacement bulbs or headlights on motor vehicles to conform with and be installed according to federal motor vehicle safety standards. The use of high-intensity discharge bulbs is permitted, but only if the lights are installed correctly.