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An Act To Require That Replacement Automobile Lights Conform to Federal Standards

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1910**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt.
6 A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following
8 enacted in its place:

§1910. Rules governing lights on vehicles; replacement

10 **1. Replacement.** The Chief of the State Police shall adopt
12 rules governing the replacement of exterior lights on passenger
14 vehicles. The rules may not be more restrictive than the
16 requirements specified in the federal motor vehicle safety
standards regarding the sale, installation and use of aftermarket
replacement lighting equipment as long as that equipment meets
the federal motor vehicle safety standards.

18 **2. Adjustment, use and operation.** Except as required in
20 subsection 1, the Chief of the State Police may adopt rules
governing the adjustment, use and operation of lights on vehicles.

22 **3. Rulemaking.** Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
24 routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter 2-A.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires the Chief of the State Police within the
30 Department of Public Safety to adopt routine technical rules
32 regarding the replacement of exterior lights on passenger
vehicles. The rules may not be more restrictive than those
requirements specified in the federal motor vehicle safety
standards.