

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

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No. 38

S.P. 18

In Senate, January 11, 2005

### An Act To Enhance Highway Safety

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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 COURTNEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BIERMAN of Sorrento, CAMPBELL of Newfield,  
DUPREY of Hampden, WHEELER of Kittery.

**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 sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1997, c. 249, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Display of headlights and rear lights.** A vehicle located on a way must be equipped with headlights as described in section 1904 and rear lights as described in section 1905. The headlights and rear lights 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.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires rear lights on vehicles to be on during the same circumstances when headlights are required to be illuminated.