

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 36

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*In Senate, Jan. 25, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Ricker of Hancock.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

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AN ACT to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night  
and to control the glare of head lights.

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

Section 1. Every vehicle on wheels, whether stationary  
2 or in motion, on any public highway or bridge, shall have  
3 attached to it a light or lights which shall be so displayed  
4 as to be visible from the front and the rear during the  
5 period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sun-  
6 rise: Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to  
7 any vehicle while upon any lighted street or highway where

8 street lights are maintained at a distance of five hundred  
9 feet apart or less or to any vehicle designed for the trans-  
10 portation, as its principal freight, of hay or straw while  
11 loaded with such freight.

Sect. 2. Any person who, while driving or in charge of  
2 or occupying a vehicle during the period from one hour  
3 after sunset to one hour before sunrise, shall refuse, when  
4 requested by a police officer, to give correctly his name and  
5 address, shall be punished as provided in section 5 of this  
6 act.

Sect. 3. The driver or custodian of a vehicle shall be  
2 deemed to be the responsible party and liable to the penalty  
3 as provided in this act for a violation thereof.

Sect. 4. Any person violating the provisions of this act  
2 shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars, to be  
3 recovered on complaint before any trial justice or municipal  
4 court.

Sect. 5. The Public Utilities Commission may prepare  
2 rules and regulations from time to time governing the use  
3 and operations of head lights on motor vehicles and elec-  
4 tric cars and prescribe penalties for violation thereof and  
5 may from time to time alter, rescind or add to any rules  
6 and regulations previously made by it. The rules and regu-  
7 lations of the commission and any changes therein shall  
8 take effect when approved by the Governor and Council  
9 and published at least once in each daily newspaper in the  
10 state.

Sect. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this  
2 act are hereby repealed.