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No. 340

H. P. 1040 House of Representatives, Mar. 8, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Flint of Monson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Front Lights on Motor Vehicles and
Tractors.

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

Paragraph two of section sixty-eight of chapter two hundred eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-three one, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said paragraph the following: 'For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section, it shall be deemed to be a violation of its provisions if a front light or front lights of a motor vehicle projects the top of any main beam, at a distance of twenty-five feet ahead of the motor vehicle, on an approximately level stretch of highway, onto the body of a person or on a motor vehicle or any object, at a height

11 greater than the distance of the centers of the front lights
12 from the highway,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall
13 read as follows:

'Every motor vehicle and tractor on wheels shall have
2 mounted on the right and left sides of the front thereof a
3 pair of lamps each of approximately equal candle-power,
4 and every motorcycle shall have mounted on the front
5 thereof one lamp. If any such vehicle is so mechanically
6 constructed, governed or controlled that it cannot exceed
7 a speed of fifteen miles per hour, it shall have front lamps
8 capable of furnishing light of sufficient candle-power to
9 render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level
10 way at least fifty feet directly ahead and at the same time
11 at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle
12 for a distance of at least twenty-five feet. If said vehicles
13 can exceed a speed of fifteen miles per hour, then they
14 shall have front lamps capable of furnishing light of suffi-
15 cient candle-power to render any substantial object clearly
16 discernible on a level way at least two hundred feet directly
17 ahead and at the same time at least seven feet to the right
18 of the axis of such vehicle for a distance of at least one
19 hundred feet; provided that no front lamp capable of fur-
20 nishing more than four candle-power light shall be used if
21 equipped with a reflector, unless so designed, equipped or
22 mounted that no portion of the beam of light when pro-
23 jected seventy-five feet or more ahead of the lamps shall
24 rise above a plane forty-two inches higher than and paral-

25 lel with the level surface on which the vehicle stands; and
26 provided, further, that no electric bulb or other lighting
27 device of a greater capacity than thirty-two candle-power
28 shall be used, no matter how the same may be shaded, cov-
29 ered or obscured. For the purpose of enforcing the pro-
30 visions of this section, it shall be deemed to be a violation
31 of its provisions if a front light or front lights of a motor
32 vehicle projects the top of any main beam, at a distance
33 of twenty-five feet ahead of the motor vehicle, on an ap-
34 proximately level stretch of highway, onto the body of a
35 person or on a motor vehicle or any object, at a height
36 greater than the distance of the centers of the front lights
37 from the highway.'