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HOUSE FILE 14
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to windshield wiper operation and lighted
2 headlamps, and making a penalty applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HS 14

1 Section 1. Section 321.384, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Every A motor vehicle operated upon a highway within
4 the this state, shall display lighted headlamps as provided in
5 section 321.415 at any time from sunset to sunrise, at any
6 time when the windshield wipers are in continuous operation,
7 and at such other times when conditions such as fog, snow,
8 sleet, or rain provide insufficient lighting to render clearly
9 discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance
10 of five hundred feet ahead, ~~shall display lighted head-lamps~~
11 ~~as provided in section 321.415,~~ subject to exceptions with
12 respect to parked vehicles as hereinafter stated.

13 Sec. 2. WARNING CITATIONS. During the first six months
14 following enactment of this Act, peace officers shall issue
15 only warning citations for motor vehicles not displaying
16 lighted headlamps at any time when the windshield wipers are
17 in continuous operation as required by section 321.384,
18 subsection 1, as amended in this Act.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill requires that a motor vehicle must display
21 lighted headlights at any time when the vehicle's windshield
22 wipers are in continuous operation. A violation of this
23 provision carries a scheduled fine of \$20. The bill also
24 provides that during the first six months following enactment,
25 violations of this bill will only result in warning citations.

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