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HSB 549

TRANSPORTATION

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HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON WELTER)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of lights by vehicles on roadways and  
2 making penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.384, Code 1999, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 321.384 WHEN LIGHTED LAMPS REQUIRED.

4 1. Every A motor vehicle operated upon a highway within  
5 the this state, shall display lighted headlamps as provided in  
6 section 321.415 at any time from sunset to sunrise, at any  
7 time it is raining, snowing, sleet, or hailing, and at such  
8 other times when ~~conditions-such-as-fog, snow, sleet, or rain~~  
9 provide visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or  
10 other conditions or there is insufficient lighting to render  
11 clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a  
12 distance of five hundred feet ahead, ~~shall display lighted~~  
13 ~~head-lamps-as-provided-in-section-321-415,~~ subject to  
14 exceptions with respect to parked vehicles ~~as-hereinafter~~  
15 stated pursuant to this chapter.

16 2. Whenever A ~~requirement is-hereinafter-declared-as-to~~  
17 regarding the distance from which certain lamps and devices  
18 shall render objects visible or within which such lamps or  
19 devices shall be visible, ~~said-provisions~~ shall apply during  
20 the times stated in subsection 1 ~~of-this-section~~ upon a  
21 straight level unlighted highway under normal atmospheric  
22 conditions unless a different time or condition is expressly  
23 stated.

24 Sec. 2. WARNING CITATIONS. During the first six months  
25 following the effective date of this Act, peace officers shall  
26 issue only warning citations for the following:

27 1. For motor vehicles not displaying lighted headlamps at  
28 any time when precipitation or other conditions, except for  
29 darkness, that limit visibility exist as required by section  
30 321.384, subsection 1, as amended in this Act.

31 2. For persons violating other lighting provisions in  
32 chapter 321 which require the use of certain lights when  
33 precipitation or other conditions, except for darkness, that  
34 limit visibility exist, as required by section 321.384,  
35 subsection 1, as amended in this Act.

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## EXPLANATION

2 This bill amends Code section 321.384 to require a motor  
3 vehicle to display lighted headlights at any time when  
4 precipitation or other conditions that limit visibility exist.  
5 The changes made by the bill relating to the times when  
6 headlight use is required also apply by reference to other  
7 required uses of lights on roadways, including the use of  
8 certain clearance and identification lights on motor trucks  
9 and certain trailers and semitrailers in Code section 321.392;  
10 the use of certain lights on projecting loads in Code section  
11 321.394; the use of lights on certain parked vehicles in Code  
12 section 321.395; the use of lights on bicycles in Code section  
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16 required or permitted in Code section 321.419.

17 Violations of these provisions are simple misdemeanors  
18 punishable primarily by scheduled fines of between \$10 and \$25  
19 under Code section 805.8. The bill also provides that during  
20 the first six months following enactment, violations of these  
21 provisions, other than violations for failure to use the  
22 required lights due to darkness, will only result in warning  
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- 1 Amend House File 2440 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking line 6 and inserting the
- 3 following: "section 321.415, subject to exceptions
- 4 with respect to parked vehicles under this chapter. A
- 5 motor vehicle operated upon a highway within this
- 6 state shall display certain other lamps and devices,
- 7 as provided in this chapter, at any time from sunset
- 8 to sunrise, at any".
- 9 2. Page 1, line 27, by striking the word "at" and
- 10 inserting the following: "as".
- 11 3. Page 1, by striking lines 28 and 29 and
- 12 inserting the following: "provided in section".
- 13 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By SCHERRMAN of Dubuque  
OSTERHAUS of Jackson

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