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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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TRANSPORTATION

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 the motor vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous
8 operation, and at such other times when conditions such as
9 fog, snow, sleet, or rain provide insufficient lighting to
10 render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway
11 at a distance of five hundred feet ahead, ~~shall display~~
12 ~~lighted-head-lamps-as-provided-in-section-321-415,~~ subject to
13 exceptions with respect to parked vehicles ~~as-hereinafter~~
14 stated pursuant to this chapter.

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

23 Sec. 2. WARNING CITATIONS. During the first six months
24 following the effective date of this Act, peace officers shall
25 issue only warning citations for motor vehicles not displaying
26 lighted headlamps at any time the motor vehicle's windshield
27 wipers are in continuous operation as required by section
28 321.384, subsection 1, as amended in this Act.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill requires a motor vehicle to display lighted
31 headlights at any time when the vehicle's wipers are in
32 continuous operation. A violation of this provision is a
33 simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20 under
34 Code section 805.8. The bill also provides that during the
35 first six months following enactment, violations of this

1 provision will only result in warning citations.

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