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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring daytime running lights on new motor vehicles
2 sold in Iowa, making a penalty applicable, and providing an
3 effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.409, Code 2003, is amended by
2 adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Beginning July 1, 2005, every
4 new motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or motorized
5 bicycle, sold and subject to registration in this state shall
6 be equipped with daytime running lights. For purposes of this
7 section, "daytime running lights" are head lamps that turn on
8 automatically when the motor vehicle's ignition is started,
9 and are overridden when regular headlights are activated.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill requires that beginning July 1, 2005, new motor
12 vehicles sold and subject to registration in this state must
13 be equipped with daytime running lights. The requirement
14 applies to all motor vehicles except motorcycles and motorized
15 bicycles.

16 The bill defines "daytime running lights" as head lamps
17 that turn on automatically when the motor vehicle's ignition
18 is started, and are overridden when regular headlights are
19 activated by the operator.

20 A violation of a mandatory lighting equipment provision is
21 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20.

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