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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the use of headlights when a motor vehicle's
2 windshield wipers are in use and making a penalty applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5892SS 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.384, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 321.384 WHEN LIGHTED LAMPS REQUIRED.
1 4 1. ~~Every~~ A motor vehicle operated upon a highway within
1 5 ~~the state, shall display lighted head lamps as provided in~~
1 6 ~~section 321.415 at any time from sunset to sunrise, at any~~
1 7 ~~time the motor vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous~~
1 8 ~~operation, and at such other times when conditions such as~~
1 9 fog, snow, sleet, or rain provide insufficient lighting to
1 10 render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway
1 11 at a distance of five hundred feet ahead, ~~shall display~~
1 12 ~~lighted head lamps as provided in section 321.415, subject to~~
1 13 ~~exceptions under this chapter with respect to parked vehicles~~
1 14 ~~as hereinafter stated.~~
1 15 2. ~~Whenever~~ A requirement is hereinafter declared as to
1 16 ~~regarding~~ the distance from which certain lamps and devices
1 17 shall render objects visible or within which such lamps or
1 18 devices shall be visible, ~~said provisions~~ shall apply during
1 19 the times stated in subsection 1 of this section upon on a
1 20 straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric
1 21 conditions unless a different time or condition is expressly
1 22 stated.

EXPLANATION

1 23
1 24 This bill amends Code section 321.384 by requiring a motor
1 25 vehicle to display lighted head lamps at any time when the
1 26 vehicle's wipers are in continuous operation. Due to current
1 27 Code references to Code section 321.384, the bill also
1 28 requires, where applicable, the use of certain lights on other
1 29 types of vehicles while the vehicle's wipers are in operation.
1 30 A violation of these provisions is a simple misdemeanor
1 31 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20 under Code section
1 32 805.8A.
1 33 LSB 5892SS 82
1 34 dea/nh/14