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HOUSE FILE 29
BY TYRRELL

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A BILL FOR

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

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.384A HEADLAMPS REQUIRED AT
2 CERTAIN SPEEDS.

3 A motor vehicle operated upon a highway in this state shall
4 display lighted headlamps as provided in section 321.415
5 anytime the motor vehicle is traveling at a speed of thirty-
6 five miles per hour or more.

7 Sec. 2. Section 805.8, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
8 2001, is amended to read as follows:

9 e. For improperly used or nonused or defective or improper
10 equipment under sections 321.383, 321.384, 321.384A, 321.385,
11 321.386, 321.398, 321.402, 321.403, 321.404, 321.409, 321.419,
12 321.420, 321.423, 321.430, and 321.433, the scheduled fine is
13 twenty dollars. For violations of sections 321.247 and
14 321.421, the scheduled fine is one hundred dollars.

15 Sec. 3. WARNING CITATIONS. During the first six months
16 following the effective date of this Act, peace officers shall
17 issue only warning citations for a motor vehicle not
18 displaying lighted headlamps when the motor vehicle is
19 traveling at a speed of thirty-five miles per hour or more as
20 required by section 321.384A.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill creates new Code section 321.384A to require a
23 motor vehicle to display lighted headlamps anytime the motor
24 vehicle is traveling at a speed of 35 miles per hour or more.
25 A violation of the requirement is a simple misdemeanor
26 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20 under Code section
27 805.8. The bill also provides that during the first six
28 months following enactment, violations of the requirement will
29 only result in warning citations.

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