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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to safe driving measures and making a penalty
 2 applicable.

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

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SF 331
 TRANSPORTATION

1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 306.46 ROAD MARKINGS - LUMINOUS
1 2 PAINT.
1 3 The agency that has jurisdiction over a road or street,
1 4 when painting lane markings on the road or street for the
1 5 first time or when remarking the road or street, shall use
1 6 luminous paint or paint mixed with a luminous additive.
1 7 Sec. 2. Section 321.384, Code 2001, is amended to read as
1 8 follows:
1 9 321.384 WHEN LIGHTED LAMPS REQUIRED.
1 10 1. ~~Every~~ A motor vehicle operated upon a highway within
1 11 ~~the~~ this state, shall display lighted headlamps as provided in
1 12 section 321.415 at any time from sunset to sunrise, at any
1 13 time the motor vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous
1 14 operation, and at such other times when conditions such as
1 15 fog, snow, sleet, or rain provide insufficient lighting to
1 16 render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway
1 17 at a distance of five hundred feet ahead, ~~shall display~~
1 18 ~~lighted head lamps as provided in section 321.415~~, subject to
1 19 exceptions with respect to parked vehicles ~~as hereinafter~~
1 20 ~~stated~~ under this chapter.
1 21 2. ~~Whenever~~ A requirement ~~is hereinafter declared as to~~
1 22 regarding the distance from which certain lamps and devices
1 23 shall render objects visible or within which such lamps or
1 24 devices shall be visible, ~~said provisions~~ shall apply during
1 25 the times stated in subsection 1 ~~of this section~~ upon a
1 26 straight level unlighted highway under normal atmospheric
1 27 conditions unless a different time or condition is expressly
1 28 stated.
1 29 Sec. 3. WARNING CITATIONS. During the first six months
1 30 following the effective date of this Act, peace officers shall
1 31 issue only warning citations for the following:
1 32 1. Motor vehicles not displaying lighted headlamps at any
1 33 time the motor vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous
1 34 operation as required by section 321.384, subsection 1, as
1 35 amended in this Act.

1 2. Persons violating other lighting provisions in chapter
2 321 which require the use of certain lights at any time the
3 motor vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous operation
4 as required by section 321.384, subsection 1, as amended in
5 this Act.

6 Sec. 4. NOTICE OF SAFE DRIVING COURSES. The state
7 department of transportation and county treasurer's offices
8 participating in county issuance of driver's licenses pursuant
9 to chapter 321M shall post in a prominent location at all
10 driver's license stations a sign or signs providing
11 information on safe driving refresher courses such as the
12 American association of retired persons (AARP) 55 alive
13 program.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill requires agencies having jurisdiction over a road
16 or street to use luminous paint or paint with a luminous
17 additive when painting lane markings on the road or street for
18 the first time or when remarking the road or street.

19 The bill amends Code section 321.384 by requiring a motor
20 vehicle to display lighted headlights at any time when the
21 vehicle's wipers are in continuous operation. The bill also
22 requires the use of other types of vehicle lights when the
23 vehicle's wipers are in operation by current Code references
24 to Code section 321.415. A violation of these provisions is a
25 simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20 under
26 Code section 805.8. The bill also provides that during the
27 first six months following enactment, violations of these
28 provisions will only result in warning citations.

29 The bill also requires the state department of
30 transportation and county treasurer's offices participating in
31 county issuance of driver's licenses to post at all driver's
32 license stations a sign or signs providing information on safe
33 driving refresher courses such as the American association of
34 retired persons (AARP) 55 alive program.

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