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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3079)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the use of headlights when a 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:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.384, Code 2005, 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-state,~~ shall display lighted head lamps 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 under this chapter with respect to parked vehicles
14 ~~as-hereinafter-stated.~~

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~~ on a
20 straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric
21 conditions unless a different time or condition is expressly
22 stated.

23 EXPLANATION

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

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