

HOUSE BILL No. 1026

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-21-7-2.

Synopsis: Use of headlights. Requires the driver of a motor vehicle with a windshield that has been treated or has not been treated with rain repellent to display lighted head lamps during weather conditions that require the continuous operation of windshield wipers. Provides that a person may not be stopped solely because the person does not display lighted head lamps during weather conditions that require the continuous operation of windshield wipers.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-7-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in
3 subsection (b) and section 8 of this chapter, each vehicle upon an
4 Indiana highway **must display lighted head lamps and other**
5 **illuminating devices as required for different classes of vehicles**
6 **under this chapter when the vehicle is operated under the following**
7 **circumstances:**
8 (1) Between the time from sunset to sunrise. ~~and~~
9 (2) **Whenever weather conditions require the continuous**
10 **operation of windshield wipers.**
11 ~~(2)~~ (3) At any other time when, due to insufficient light or
12 unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the
13 highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of five hundred
14 (500) feet ahead.
15 ~~must display lighted head lamps and other illuminating devices as~~
16 ~~required for different classes of vehicles under this chapter.~~
17 (b) All lamp equipment required for vehicles described in IC 9-19-6

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1 shall be lighted at the times mentioned in subsection (a), except that
2 clearance and sidemarker lamps are not required to be lighted on a
3 vehicle when the vehicle is operated within a municipality if there is
4 sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the
5 highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet.
6 (c) **A person may not be stopped, inspected, or detained solely**
7 **because the person has not complied with subsection (a)(2).**

