

SENATE BILL No. 136

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

Synopsis: Headlight use when raining or snowing. Requires the driver of a motor vehicle with a windshield 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, 2000.

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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 1999 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, 2000]: 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**
7 **following circumstances:**
8 (1) Between the time from sunset to sunrise. ~~and~~
9 (2) **When weather conditions require the continuous operation**
10 **of windshield wipers.**
11 (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



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).**

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