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Introduced by Representatives Cheney of Norwich and Toll of Danville

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Motor vehicles; use of required lamps; windshield wipers

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Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require operators of moving

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vehicles on a highway to illuminate all required lights when using windshield

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wipers due to inclement weather.

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An act relating to requiring illumination of lights on vehicles while

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windshield wipers are in use

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It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1243(b) is amended to read:

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(b) Every moving vehicle upon a highway within this state, shall illuminate

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all lamps with which the vehicle is required to be equipped pursuant to this

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chapter at any time;

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(1) from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise ~~and at any~~

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~~other time;~~

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(2) when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric

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conditions, persons or vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a

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distance of 500 feet ahead, ~~shall display lighted lamps and illuminating devices~~

1 ~~as respectively required for different classes of vehicles, subject to exceptions~~
2 ~~with respect to parked vehicles; or~~
3 (3) when windshield wipers are in use as a result of unfavorable
4 atmospheric conditions.