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Introduced by Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Motor vehicles; lights; windshield wipers

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Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that

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persons operating vehicles on a highway illuminate required lights while

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windshield wipers are in continuous use.

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An act relating to illuminating vehicle lights while 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~~ A person operating a vehicle upon a highway within this state;

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shall illuminate the head, tail, side, or clearance lamps with which the vehicle

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is required to be equipped under this 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 continuous, as opposed to
4 intermittent, use as a result of unfavorable atmospheric conditions. The
5 penalty for a violation of this subdivision shall be not more than \$25.00, and
6 no points shall be assessed pursuant to section 2502 of this title.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.