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Introduced by Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock and Devereux of Mount

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Referred to Committee on

Date:

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

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require operators of moving vehicles on a highway to illuminate required lights while windshield wipers are in continuous use as a result of weather conditions.

An act relating to illuminating vehicle lights while windshield wipers are in use

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

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

(b) ~~Every~~ A person operating a vehicle upon a highway within this State, shall illuminate all lamps with which the vehicle is required to be equipped under this chapter at any time of the following times:

(1) ~~from~~ From 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise ~~and at any other time.~~

(2) ~~when~~ When, due to insufficient light or ~~unfavorable atmospheric weather~~ conditions, persons or vehicles on the highway are not clearly

1 discernible at a distance of 500 feet ahead, ~~shall display lighted lamps and~~
2 ~~illuminating devices as respectively required for different classes of vehicles,~~
3 ~~subject to exceptions with respect to parked vehicles.~~

4 (3) When windshield wipers are in continuous, as opposed to
5 intermittent, use as a result of weather conditions. A person who violates this
6 subdivision shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$25.00, but shall not be
7 subject to the assessment of points against his or her driving record.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.