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2 Introduced by Representatives Leffler of Enosburgh, Gregoire of Fairfield,
3 Hashim of Dummerston, Martel of Waterford, Morrissey of
4 Bennington, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Sibilia of
5 Dover, and Smith of Derby

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Motor vehicles; use of required lamps; use of required lights;
9 windshield wipers

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

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

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

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

17 (b) ~~Every~~ A person operating a vehicle upon a highway within this State,
18 shall illuminate all front, tail or rear, and clearance lamps with which the
19 vehicle is required to be equipped under this chapter at any time of the
20 following times:

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

3 (2) ~~when~~ When, due to insufficient light or ~~unfavorable atmospheric~~
4 weather conditions, persons or vehicles on the highway are not clearly
5 discernible at a distance of 500 feet ahead, ~~shall display lighted lamps and~~
6 ~~illuminating devices as respectively required for different classes of vehicles,~~
7 ~~subject to exceptions with respect to parked vehicles.~~

8 (3) When windshield wipers are in continuous, as opposed to
9 intermittent, use as a result of weather conditions. A person who violates this
10 subdivision shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$200.00, but shall not be
11 subject to the assessment of points against his or her driving record.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.