

HOUSE BILL No. 5430

January 27, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Richardville, Emmons, Sak and Kooiman and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 684 (MCL 257.684).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 684. ~~-(a) Every vehicle upon a highway within this~~
2 ~~state at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour~~
3 ~~before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient~~
4 ~~light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the~~
5 ~~highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead shall display lighted~~
6 ~~lamps and illuminating devices as hereinafter respectively~~
7 ~~required for different classes of vehicles, subject to exceptions~~
8 ~~with respect to parked vehicles as hereinafter stated. When~~
9 ~~lighted lamps and illuminated devices are required by law no~~
10 ~~vehicle shall be operated upon any highway of this state with~~
11 ~~only the parking lights illuminated on the front of the vehicle.~~

1 ~~Whenever requirement is hereinafter declared as to the~~
2 ~~distance from which certain lamps and devices shall render~~
3 ~~objects visible or within which such lamps or devices shall be~~
4 ~~visible, said provisions shall apply during the times stated in~~
5 ~~paragraph (a) of this section upon a straight, level, unlighted~~
6 ~~highway under normal atmospheric conditions unless a different~~
7 ~~time or condition is expressly stated.~~

8 ~~Whenever requirement is hereinafter declared as to the~~
9 ~~mounted height of lamps or devices, it shall mean from the center~~
10 ~~of such lamp or device to the level ground upon which the vehicle~~
11 ~~stands when such vehicle is without a load.~~

12 (1) A motor vehicle being driven upon a highway in this
13 state shall display lighted headlamps under any of the following
14 circumstances:

15 (a) Between 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before
16 sunrise.

17 (b) When there is insufficient light to render clearly
18 discernible persons and vehicles on a highway at a distance of
19 500 feet.

20 (c) During a time when precipitation is present causing the
21 driver of a motor vehicle to operate the vehicle's windshield
22 wiper.

23 (2) The distance prescribed under subsection (1)(b) applies
24 on a straight, level, unlighted portion of a highway under normal
25 atmospheric conditions.

26 (3) The height requirement of a lamp required under this act
27 shall be measured from the center of the lamp to level ground on

1 which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load.

2 (4) An individual who drives a motor vehicle in violation of

3 this section is responsible for a civil infraction.