

HOUSE No. 2191

House, No. 517, as approved by the Governor on June 22, 1911.
Ordered printed on motion of Mr. Bellamy of Taunton.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

To require Certain Vehicles to carry Lights at Night on
Public Highways and Bridges.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Every vehicle on wheels, whether station-
2 ary or in motion, on any public highway or bridge, shall
3 have attached to it a light or lights which shall be so dis-
4 played as to be visible from the front and the rear during
5 the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before
6 sunrise: *provided, however,* that this act shall not apply
7 to any vehicle which is designed to be propelled by hand,
8 or to any vehicle while upon any lighted street or highway
9 where street lights are maintained at a distance of five
10 hundred feet apart or less, or to any vehicle designed for
11 the transportation, as its principal freight, of hay or
12 straw while loaded with such freight.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the written application and presenta-
2 tion of reasons therefor by the owner of a vehicle, the
3 Massachusetts highway commission may, in writing, in
4 such form and subject to such requirements as it may
5 elect, and without expense to the applicant, exempt said
6 vehicle from the provisions of this act for such period of
7 time as said commission may elect.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who, while driving or in charge
2 of or occupying a vehicle during the period from one hour
3 after sunset to one hour before sunrise, shall refuse, when
4 requested by a police officer, to give correctly his name and
5 address, shall be punished as provided in section six of
6 this act.

1 SECTION 4. Nothing contained in this act shall be con-
2 strued to affect the provisions of any existing statute, rule
3 or regulation requiring lighted lamps on motor vehicles
4 and the obligations of operators or occupants thereof.

1 SECTION 5. The driver or custodian of a vehicle shall
2 be deemed to be the responsible party and liable to the
3 penalty as provided in this act for a violation thereof.

1 SECTION 6. Any person violating the provisions of this
2 act shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars.

