

By Mr. Lemanski of Chicopee, petition of Kenneth M. Lemanski for legislation to further define the conditions under which motorists shall display headlights. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MOTORISTS SHALL DISPLAY HEADLIGHTS.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 7 of chapter 90 of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 108 of the
3 acts of 1981, is hereby further amended by striking out the thir-
4 teenth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
5 sentence: — Every automobile operated during the period from
6 one half an hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, and
7 during any other period when visibility is reduced by atmospheric
8 conditions, including all forms of precipitation, so as to render
9 dangerous operation without lights being displayed, shall display
10 at least two lighted white headlamps with at least one mounted at
11 each side of the front of the vehicle or if parked within the limits of
12 a way at least one white or amber light on the side of the automo-
13 bile nearer the center of the way, and every motorcycle so operated
14 at least one white headlamp and every such motorcycle with a
15 sidecar attached, in addition, one such light on the front of the
16 sidecar, and every motor truck, trailer and commercial motor
17 vehicle used solely as such, having a carrying capacity of three tons
18 or over, in addition, an amber light attached to the extreme left of
19 the front of such vehicle, so attached and adjusted as to indicate the
20 extreme left lateral extension of the vehicle or load, which shall in
21 all cases aforesaid be visible not less than two hundred feet in the
22 direction toward which the vehicle is proceeding or facing; pro-

23 vided, that an automobile need display no light when parked
 24 within the limits of a way in a space in which unlighted parking is
 25 permitted by the rules or regulations of the board or officer having
 26 control of such way.