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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 22, 2014.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the use of headlights (House, No. 3092), reports recommending that the same be amended by substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 4567), and that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

THEODORE C. SPELIOTIS.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to the use of headlights.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15 of chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:—

Every vehicle, whether stationary or in motion, on any public way, shall have attached to it headlights and taillights which shall be turned on by the vehicle operator and so displayed as to be visible from the front and rear during the period of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise; provided, however, that such headlights and taillights shall be turned on by the vehicle operator at all other times when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, visibility is reduced such that persons or vehicles on the roadway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet, or the vehicle's windshield wipers are needed; provided further, that this section shall not apply to any vehicle which is designed to be propelled by hand; and provided, further, that any vehicle carrying hay or straw for the purpose of transporting persons on a hayride, so called, shall display only electrically operated lights which shall be 2 flashing amber lights to the front and 2 flashing red lights to the rear, each of said lights to be at least 6 inches in diameter and mounted 6 feet from the ground.