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SENATE BILL NO. 537
Offered January 22, 1996
A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1030 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lighting of motor vehicle headlights.

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Patrons—Marsh, Lambert, Lucas, Ticer and Whipple; Delegates: Cunningham, Jones, D.C., Jones, J.C., McEachin and Spruill

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Referred to the Committee on Transportation

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
1. That § 46.2-1030 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:
§ 46.2-1030. When lights to be lighted; number of lights to be lighted at any time; use of warning lights.

A. Every vehicle *in operation* on a highway in the Commonwealth shall display lighted headlights and illuminating devices as required by this article *(i)* from sunset to sunrise ~~and~~ *, (ii)* during any other time when, because of rain, smoke, fog, snow, sleet, insufficient light, or other unfavorable atmospheric conditions, visibility is reduced to a degree whereby persons or vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet*, and (iii) whenever windshield wipers are in use as a result of smoke, fog, rain, sleet, or snow. The provisions of this subsection, however, shall not apply to instances when windshield wipers are used intermittently in misting rain, sleet, or snow.*

B. Not more than four lights used to provide general illumination ahead of the vehicle, including at least two headlights and any other combination of fog lights or other auxiliary lights approved by the Superintendent*,* shall be lighted at any time. However, this limitation shall not preclude the display of warning lights authorized in §§ 46.2-1020 through 46.2-1027, or other lights as may be authorized by the Superintendent.

C. Vehicles equipped with warning lights authorized in §§ 46.2-1020 through 46.2-1027 shall display such lights at all times when responding to emergency calls, towing disabled vehicles, or constructing, repairing, and maintaining public highways or utilities on or along public highways.