

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB616

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Plum

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Vehicle headlights; required to be lighted.

5. Summary: Requires every vehicle in operation to display lighted headlights. Currently headlights are required to be lighted only (i) from sunset to sunrise; (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 fog, rain, sleet, or snow. The bill removes provisions making the failure to display lighted headlights when windshield wipers are in use as a result of fog rain, sleet, or snow (a) a secondary offense, (b) subject to no demerit points being assessed, and (c) not a defense to any claim for personal injury or recovery of medical expenses for injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Implementation of this bill's provisions could result in more individuals being fined for traffic infractions. These are punishable by a fine of not more than \$250 and are deposited into the state's Literary Fund. At this time, it is not possible to determine the likely increase in revenue that could be deposited into the Literary Fund as a result of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.