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SENATE BILL NO. 54

Introduced by: The Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Department of Public Safety

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the circumstances under which motor vehicle
2 headlamps must be dimmed.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-17-7 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-17-7. Whenever a motor vehicle, except a moped equipped with a single beam headlamp
6 as provided in § 32-17-24.1, is being operated upon a highway, or a portion thereof, which is
7 sufficiently lighted to reveal a person on the highway at a distance of two hundred feet ahead
8 of the vehicle, the driver shall tilt the beam downward. Whenever a motor vehicle meets another
9 vehicle at a distance of five hundred feet or less or ~~overtakes~~ follows another vehicle proceeding
10 in the same direction on any highway at a distance of three hundred feet or less, the driver shall
11 tilt the beams of the headlamps downward, provided that at all times, as required in § 32-17-4,
12 at least two lights shall be displayed on the front of and on opposite sides of every motor vehicle
13 other than a motorcycle. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

