

**MOTOR VEHICLE LIGHT AMENDMENTS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires a vehicle operator to have the vehicle's lights or lamps illuminated while the vehicle is being operated during certain times of day and driving conditions.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires a vehicle operator to ensure the vehicle headlights are illuminated while the vehicle is being operated on a highway any time from sunset to sunrise and at any other times the sun is not in plain view; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-6a-1603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1603** is amended to read:

**41-6a-1603. Lights and illuminating devices -- Duty to display -- Time.**



28 (1) (a) ~~[The]~~ Regardless of the vehicle's automated light settings, the operator of a  
29 vehicle shall ~~[turn on]~~ ensure the lamps or lights of the vehicle are illuminated while the  
30 vehicle is being operated on a highway at any time ~~[from a half hour after sunset to a half hour~~  
31 ~~before sunrise and at any other time when, due to]~~:

- 32 (i) from sunset to sunrise; and
- 33 (ii) the sun is not in plain view, including when the following conditions are present:
  - 34 (A) insufficient light ~~[or]~~;
  - 35 (B) unfavorable atmospheric conditions~~;~~; or
  - 36 (C) persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of  
37 1,000 feet ahead.

38 (b) The lights, lighted lamps, and other lamps and illuminating devices under  
39 Subsection (1)(a) shall be lighted as respectively required for different classes of vehicles,  
40 subject to the exceptions for parked vehicles under Section [41-6a-1607](#).

41 (2) Whenever a requirement is made as to distance from which certain lamps and  
42 devices shall render objects visible or within which the lamps or devices shall be visible, the  
43 provisions apply during the times specified under Subsection (1)(a) for a vehicle without load  
44 on a straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions, unless a different  
45 time or condition is expressly stated.

46 (3) Whenever a requirement is made as to the mounted height of lamps or devices it  
47 shall mean from the center of the lamp or device to the level ground upon which the vehicle  
48 stands when the vehicle is without a load.

49 (4) A violation of this section is an infraction.