
Transportation Committee

HB 2182

Brief Description: Requiring the use of headlights when windshield wipers are used.

Sponsors: Representatives Appleton, Reykdal, Ladenburg, Ryu and Kenney.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires drivers to display lighted headlights when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in use due to snow, rain, fog, or other sight-limiting conditions, in addition to existing requirements regarding the use of headlights.
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Hearing Date: 2/1/12

Staff: Beth Redfield (786-7347).

Background:

Drivers must display their vehicle's headlights, when driving upon a highway within Washington, at any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. Headlights must also be displayed during periods of insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, when persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead.

Summary of Bill:

In addition to existing requirements regarding the use of headlights, drivers must display lighted headlights when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in use due to snow, rain, fog, or other sight-limiting conditions.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.