

2015 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1207

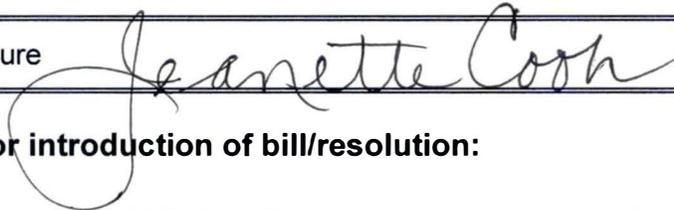
2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1207
1/22/2015
#22361

Subcommittee
Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to the hours motor vehicle headlamps must be illuminated.

Minutes:

Chairman Dan Ruby opened the hearing on HB 1207.

Representative Robin Weisz, District 14, introduced HB 1207 for **Representative Belter**.

Representative Robin Weisz: The bill changes the time that headlights need to be on to one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset. The rationale is that when there are low light conditions the visibility can be reduced. Some think that we should put lights on earlier and later to ensure that visibility is there.

Vice Chairman Lisa Meier: If this bill would pass, and there is a violation, what would the penalty be?

Representative Robin Weisz: I think it is \$10, but I don't know for sure.

Representative Rick C. Becker: If the bill's intent is to make roads safer, and the determination is that the lights are important to use, why would it be an hour and one half later that tractors are required to have lights on?

Representative Robin Weisz: Farm equipment is required to have safety lights flashing after that period of time. It really doesn't address headlights.

Representative Chris Olson: I haven't turned on or off my headlights for years. My car does it automatically for me. Will my car do this correctly for me?

Representative Robin Weisz: You can set them however you want them to be. All the new vehicles are usually on 24 hours. You also have the ability to vary the light conditions.

Chairman Dan Ruby: Is it true that the illumination varies with the amount of light?

Representative Robin Weisz: I think most cars do that.

Representative Ben Hanson: How would a person that is pulled over, prove exactly when sunrise or sunset is?

Representative Robin Weisz: If you get a ticket, it will have the time stamped on it. You could then calculate the time of sunrise or sunset..

Representative Robert Frantzvog: You said that you can manually change when the lights to come on and go off. Is there something in the owner's manual that says how to do that?

Representative Robin Weisz: Yes, I think most new vehicles allow you to do that.

Representative Gary Paur: I keep my lights on auto. When it is daylight, the lights are on ½ illumination. Will that meet the requirements?

Representative Robin Weisz: I would say it would.

There was no further testimony on HB 1207.
The hearing on HB 1207 was closed.

There was a short discussion.

Representative Ben Hanson moved a DO NOT PASS on HB 1207.
Representative Chris Olson seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken: Aye 11 Nay 2 Absent 1
The motion carried.

Representative Chris Olson will carry HB 1207.

**2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1207**

House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Representative Ben Hanson Seconded By Representative Olson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby	X		Rep. Delmore	X	
Vice Chairman Meier	X		Rep. Hanson	X	
Rep. Rick Becker	X		Rep. Nelson	X	
Rep. Frantzvog		X			
Rep. Hawken	A				
Rep. Olson	X				
Rep. Owens	X				
Rep. Paur	X				
Rep. Schatz	X				
Rep. Sukut	X				
Rep. Weisz		X			

Total (Yes) 11 No 2

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Representative Chris Olson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1207: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1207 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.