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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Hedlund**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring the use of headlights in inclement weather.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Hedlund | Plymouth and Norfolk |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act requiring the use of headlights in inclement weather.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 90 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the fourteenth sentence, by inserting after the words, “atmospheric conditions,” the words, “, or inclement weather,” and by inserting after the word, “displayed,” the phrase, “and every vehicle when using windshield wipers,”

For purposes of this act “inclement weather” is defined as a weather condition rendering a driver's visibility from a motor vehicle insufficient to clearly discern a person or another motor vehicle on the highway at a distance of 1,000 feet.

SECTION 2.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.