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2009-10

(session year)

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**Committee on ... Transportation, Tourism,
Forestry, and Natural Resources (SC-TTFNR)**

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Senate

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Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources

Senate Bill 382

Relating to: use of lamps on vehicles when visibility is limited by climatic conditions and providing a penalty.

By Senators Lehman, Holperin, Schultz, Taylor, Olsen and A. Lasee; cosponsored by Representatives Lothian, Brooks, Townsend, Kaufert, Gunderson, Berceau, A. Ott, Bies, Turner and Benedict.

November 03, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

January 20, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- John Lehman — 21st Senate District
- Major Dan Lonsdorf — WI DOT

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Tom Lothian — 32nd Assembly District

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 4, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (1) Senator Plale.

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Sullivan that **Senate Bill 382** be recommended for passage.

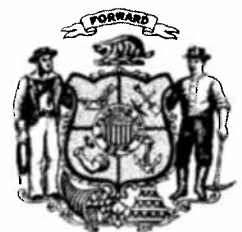
Ayes: (4) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Hansen and Leibham.
Noes: (2) Senators Kedzie and Grothman.
Absent: (1) Senator Plale.

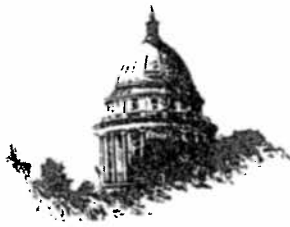
PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 2

Elizabeth Novak
Committee Clerk



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





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Testimony of Senator John Lehman
Senate Bill 382
Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources
January 20, 2010

Thank you Chairperson Holperin and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry and Natural Resources for holding a hearing on Senate Bill 382, which would require drivers to turn on their headlights when weather conditions reduce visibility.

While “wipers on, headlights on” is a common sense rule of thumb to many Wisconsin drivers, the fact remains that many drivers only switch their headlights on at night.

We have all driven in fog so thick that the only things you can rely on are the headlights and tail lights of those around you. This legislation would require headlights to be turned on when weather conditions do not allow drivers to see more than 500 feet in front of their vehicles. Leaving lights on during periods of fog, rain or snow not only increases visibility for the driver, but also makes them more visible to other vehicles on the road.

This legislation has the support of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the United Transportation Union and has passed in both the Senate and Assembly in recent legislative sessions. Some form of this law is currently on the books in at least 42 states and the District of Columbia. Senate Bill 382 has the potential to save lives, and I ask for the committee’s support.

Again, I thank the committee for their consideration.