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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Having your headlights on during the day makes  
3        your vehicle more noticeable to other drivers, especially in  
4        situations with low visibility in environments with fog, rain,  
5        or overcast weather, greatly reducing the chances of an  
6        accident; and

7 WHEREAS, Studies show that using daytime running lights or  
8 DRLs would reduce fatal multiparty daytime accidents by 15%,  
9 serious injury multiparty daytime accidents by 10%, and slight  
10 injury multiparty daytime accidents by 5%; and

11           WHEREAS, Studies have found that DRLs reduce daytime  
12 multiple-vehicle crashes, especially head-on and front-corner  
13 collisions where vehicle conspicuity is a concern and the  
14 magnitude of the reduction varies depending on the study and  
15 the type of crash; many studies have found a reduction of 5 to  
16 10%; and

17            WHEREAS, Different statistical methodologies found that  
18    DRLs reduced opposite-direction fatal crashes and non-fatal  
19    opposite-direction and angle crashes by 5% each, a 12%  
20   reduction in crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists, and  
21   a 23% reduction in opposite-direction crashes involving  
22   motorcyclists; and

1        WHEREAS, A key European study evaluated 25 studies on the  
2 safety effects of DRLs for cars and 16 studies for motorcycles  
3 and found that DRL use produced a 5 to 10% reduction in  
4 multiparty daytime crashes for both vehicle types; and

5        WHEREAS, DRLs do not offer a lot of road illumination, but  
6 instead, they provide the right lighting that allows  
7 pedestrians and cyclists to see your vehicle better; and

8        WHEREAS, High-beam lights cause glare that can distract  
9 other drivers on the road, especially on hazy days, and when  
10 there is reduced visibility due to bad weather condition,  
11 daytime lamps provide sufficient lighting to signal other  
12 motorists; since DRLs are ambient only, they are not too  
13 bright to be distracting, but they are not substitutes for fog  
14 lamps, which you should use during inclement weather; and

15        WHEREAS, Having DRLs on your vehicle is a benefit for both  
16 drivers and people not operating on the road; therefore, be it

17        RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we urge the State of Illinois to promote the use of daytime  
20 running lights on automobiles wherever and whenever possible;  
21 and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 delivered to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the  
3 Illinois Secretary of State.