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H.B. No. 3345

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of headlights and windshield wipers when  
3 driving in unfavorable conditions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 547.302(a), Transportation Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A vehicle shall display each lighted lamp and  
8 illuminating device required by this chapter to be on the vehicle:

9 (1) at nighttime; ~~and~~

10 (2) when light is insufficient or atmospheric  
11 conditions are unfavorable so that a person or vehicle on the  
12 highway is not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet  
13 ahead; or

14 (3) when, because of moisture, rain, snow, or other  
15 obstructions caused by unfavorable atmospheric conditions  
16 resulting in substantially reduced visibility, the operator of the  
17 vehicle is making use of the vehicle's windshield wipers.

18 SECTION 2. Section 547.603, Transportation Code, is amended  
19 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 547.603. WINDSHIELD WIPERS REQUIRED. A motor vehicle  
21 shall be equipped with a device that is operated or controlled by  
22 the operator of the vehicle and that cleans moisture, rain, snow, or  
23 other obstructions from the windshield. The device shall be  
24 maintained in good working condition.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.