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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ENGROSSED NO. **SB 95** - 02/20/2003

Introduced by: Senator Vitter and Representative Hennies

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the circumstances in which motor vehicle lamps
2 are required to be in use.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-17-4 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-17-4. Every vehicle upon a highway within this state during the period from a half hour
6 after sunset to a half hour before sunrise ~~and~~ or at any other time when there is not sufficient
7 light to render clearly discernible any person on the highway at a distance of two hundred feet
8 ahead, shall be equipped with lighted front and rear lamps as respectively required in §§ 32-17-1
9 to 32-17-26, inclusive, for different classes of vehicles and subject to exemption with reference
10 to lights on parked vehicles as declared in § 32-17-27. A violation of this section is a Class 2
11 misdemeanor. Any vehicle with lighted, properly operating daytime running lamps is in full
12 compliance with the requirements of this section if the vehicle is operated during the period of
13 time from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset.

14 Section 2. For the purposes of this Act, the term, daytime running lamps, means two lamps
15 installed on a motor vehicle by the original vehicle manufacturer, that are designed to be



1 continuously illuminated, that are mounted symmetrically on the front of a vehicle, that turn on
2 automatically when the ignition switch is turned on, and that are for the purpose of making the
3 vehicle more conspicuous when the regular headlamps are not required for driving.