

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 165 [2015 Senate Bill 249]

Headlight Operation in Bad Weather

2015 Wisconsin Act 165 prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle on a highway without the vehicle's lights on when weather conditions limit visibility such that objects on a highway are not clearly discernable at a distance of 500 feet from the front of a vehicle. The penalty for violating this requirement is the same as the penalty for driving at night without having a vehicle's lights on. The Act specifies that only a warning notice may be issued for a violation of this new requirement until October 1, 2016.

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