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## **House Votes to Alter New Headlight Law**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R - Warren)** joined his colleagues in the House to pass a budget amendment relative to the state’s new “headlight law”. The law, which came into effect on April 7, requires motorists to use their headlights while operating their windshield wipers in poor weather conditions. The action taken by the House does not overturn the law but ensures that it is not considered a moving violation.

“The headlight law is about public safety and ensuring that our roads and highways are as safe as possible. The amendment we passed yesterday maintains this goal without making the penalties overly severe.” said Representative Smola.

The amendment was approved by a by a unanimous vote of 154-0 and is part of the House budget which was approved on April 29. The Senate will consider its own budget bill in May.

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