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Resolve, to Study the Effect of High-intensity Headlights on Drivers

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Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. Cosponsored by Representatives: RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STROUT of Harrington.

- Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall convene a working group to study the effect of highintensity headlights on drivers, referred to in this resolve as "the working group." Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the working group membership is as follows: 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - 3. One member who is a law enforcement officer, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - 4. One member representing motor vehicle dealers, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - 5. One member representing motor vehicle manufacturers, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
 - 6. One member representing the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, appointed by the Secretary of State.
 - **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the working group.
 - **Sec. 4. Compensation. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, members of the working group may not be compensated for their work on the working group, but legislative members may receive the legislative per diem.
 - **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall review existing studies to research the potential benefit and harm of high-intensity headlights on drivers in oncoming and rear motor vehicle traffic and exiting motor vehicle traffic, including issues of safety and issues of eye health.
 - **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group, and Legislative Council staff support is not authorized.
 - **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

36 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a working group to study the effect of high-intensity headlights on drivers. The working group is required to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which is authorized to

- submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. 1 2