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Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and esteemed members of the State & Local Committee I am Representative Tracy Quint and I am here to present my bill, LD 1628: *"An Act to Allow Municipalities to Regulate Exterior Lights"*

Have you ever been driving around a bend in the road and suddenly been blinded by a light so bright that your eyes instinctively close? Have you gone out to admire the stars and instead been forced to endure the harsh and ever present glow of what appears to be a led spotlight shining directly into your house? Perhaps a new security light has been added by a neighbor who feels it is their responsibility to provide your property with same outstanding security as well, even if unasked for.

Enter my attempt to address this nagging problem- An Act to Allow Municipalities to Regulate Exterior Lights. I am not usually one to promote regulations or any restrictive ordinances. I am generally more inclined to oppose them. However, I was asked to put this bill in by a constituent. As the use of blazing LED lighting has become more and more common, there are rumblings from those who have been affected by them. When discussing the idea of this bill with others, there seemed to be a vocal consensus of "I hate them. I can't see the stars. They are blinding". Some people suggested required, restrictive ordinances while others just wanted their nights to be a little less bright.

The full intent of this bill is simply to reduce the direct glare, by giving municipalities the opportunity, through local control, to ensure that lights are directed down and shielded so as not to unnecessarily disrupt the other inhabitants of the municipality. This bill in no way is intended to require municipalities to do so or remove local control.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Quint  
State Representative