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Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Mr. Ault of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Permit Privately-owned Snowplows to keep Warning Lights on when
on the Highways as well as Private Property.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

29 MRSA § 1368, sub-§ 3, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 53, is amended to read:

Such lighting shall only be in use on a public way ~~when~~ **while** the vehicle is ~~entering in or upon such public ways in the course of~~ plowing private driveways and other off-highway locations **connected with the public way**.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow snowplow operators who plow private driveways to keep their auxiliary rotary flashing lights in operation while plowing. The present law restricts the operation of these lights to times when vehicles enter upon a public way while plowing, but the lights cannot operate continuously on a public way while the vehicle plows several neighborhood driveways. As a result, the attention of the snowplow operators is distracted continuously in order to turn their auxiliary flashing lights on and off. This requirement creates a potentially hazardous situation.