

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 189

House of Representatives, January 31, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Strout of Corinth.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Specifically Define what Constitutes a Law Enforcement Officer's  
Signal to a Motorist to Stop.**

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

**29 MRSA § 2121, 2nd ¶**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 58, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following:

**For the purposes of this section, the term "signal" may include the use of a hand signal, siren or flashing emergency lights.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

Some criminal court justices have held that the statute dealing with stopping upon the signal of a law enforcement officer does not specifically outlaw a motorist's failure or refusal to stop when signaled by means of an officer's siren or flashing emergency lights. This bill would specifically include the use of sirens and flashings emergency lights under the meaning of the term "signal."