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S.P. 168

In Senate, January 31, 2019

An Act To Enhance Highway Safety by Strengthening the So-called Move Over Law

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, WHITE of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 32, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **9. Stationary vehicles.** The operator of a vehicle passing a stationary authorized
5 emergency vehicle using an emergency light or a stationary public service vehicle using
6 its authorized lights, with due regard to the safety and traffic conditions, shall:

7 A. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle or public
8 service vehicle, if possible; or

9 B. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, pass the emergency
10 vehicle or public service vehicle at a careful and prudent speed reasonable for passing
11 the authorized emergency vehicle or public service vehicle safely.

12 A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a minimum fine of ~~\$250~~
13 \$350 must be adjudged.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill increases from \$250 to \$350 the minimum fine for passing a stationary
16 authorized emergency vehicle using an emergency light or a stationary public service
17 vehicle using its authorized lights and failing to pass in a lane that is not adjacent to the
18 stationary vehicle or, if passing in a nonadjacent lane would be impossible or unsafe,
19 failing to pass at a careful and prudent speed.