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L.D. 1576

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1138, L.D. 1576, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Department of Corrections' Response to Emergency Situations by Including Vehicles Operated by Certain Department Employees in the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicles"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Improve the Department of Corrections' Response to Emergency Situations by Amending Provisions Related to Vehicles Operated by Certain Department Employees'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (6) (page 1, lines 13 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(6) A Department of Corrections vehicle used for responding to the escape of or performing the high-security transfer of a prisoner, juvenile client or juvenile detainee or a Department of Corrections vehicle operated by a person who is certified by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a law enforcement officer;'

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§5, ¶C, as amended by PL 2001, c. 360, §7, is further amended to read:**

**C. Exceed the maximum speed limits as long as life or property is not endangered, except that a capital security ~~officers~~ officer and ~~employees of the~~ a person operating a Department of Corrections vehicle who is not certified as a law enforcement officer by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy may not exercise this privilege;'**

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment expands the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle to include a Department of Corrections vehicle operated by a person certified by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a law enforcement officer and allows a person certified by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a law enforcement officer who is operating a Department of Corrections vehicle to exceed the maximum speed limits as long as life or property is not endangered.