

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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256 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT Higgins,L ENACT. PL 24
FOR AN AUDIBLE WARNING WHEN PASSING
IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

SUMMARY: LD 256 proposed to repeal the provision requiring the operator of a vehicle to sound the horn or flash the lights prior to passing another vehicle. The effects of these requirements are questionable, and, in some cases, may distract the attention of the operator of the lead vehicle.

257 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE WEARING OF Kelly ONTP
HEAD PHONES OR EAR PHONES WHILE
OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 231.

259 AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVERS' TESTS McCollister LV/WD
FOR THE ELDERLY

261 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SIGN ON THE Minkowsky ENACT. PL 71
MAINE TURNPIKE FOR BATES COLLEGE

SUMMARY: LD 261 proposed that Bates College provide a sign to be installed by the Maine Turnpike between exits 12 and 13. The bill was amended to be an emergency and to provide for 2 signs. One sign would be erected to direct traffic in the southbound lanes to Bates College and another sign would be erected to direct traffic in the northbound lanes to Bates.

279 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEADLIGHTS ON Rolde LV/WD
VEHICLES TO BE USED AT CERTAIN
TIMES

280 AN ACT TO PERMIT WRECKERS TO USE Rolde ONTP
FLASHING RED LIGHTS ON LIMITED
ACCESS HIGHWAYS

SUMMARY: Presently, flashing red lights are authorized for emergency vehicles including fire trucks and ambulances. LD 280 proposed to extend this privilege to wreckers which are authorized to use amber lights as service vehicles. The bill was rejected by the committee because of the confusion that could evolve.

297 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT RADAR DETECTORS Carpenter LV/WD

SUMMARY: LD 297 proposed to prohibit the possession and use of radar detection devices in Maine for the purpose of avoiding law enforcement officers on Maine highways. The bill authorized law enforcement officers to confiscate any radar detection devices as contraband. The presence of such devices would be deemed a violation of the law. The committee was concerned about the constitutionality of the proposed law. In addition, owners of vehicles from out-of-state where radar detection devices are allowed would be subject to loss of these devices by confiscation whether or not the devices were actually used.