

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 378

S. P. 100

In Senate, January 28, 1975

On motion of Senator Conley of Cumberland, reference reconsidered and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Merrill of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Remove Certain Provisions in the Motor Vehicle Statutes
Concerning Unnecessary Tire and Brake Noises.**

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

29 MRSA, § 1362, 9th sentence, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 117, is further amended to read:

~~No signaling device shall be unnecessarily sounded nor any braking or acceleration unnecessarily made so as to cause a harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise, and no~~ No bell or siren shall be installed or used on any motor vehicle, except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances, and vehicles operated by state, city and town fire inspectors, city and town fire chiefs, assistant fire chiefs, police chiefs and assistant police chiefs may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls, and such motor vehicles used by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and such motor vehicles used by inland fisheries and game wardens as may be designated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and such motor vehicles used by coastal wardens as may be designated by the Department of Marine Resources, and such motor vehicles used by United States Government law enforcement officials, and such motor vehicles used by a state or municipal department which controls or supervises electrical alarm and communication systems.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill deletes from motor vehicle statutes wording purporting to prohibit unnecessary squealing of tires or brakes. The wording deleted is so vague that the courts have generally refused to allow convictions under that portion of the statutes.