

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 854

H. P. 692

House of Representatives, February 28, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Snow of Falmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require Certain Safety Equipment on Bicycles.

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

29 MRSA § 1962, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 38, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1962. Equipment

1. Lights and reflectors. Every bicycle when in use in the nighttime or at other times when motor vehicles are required to display headlamps by section 1366 shall be equipped with and have lighted a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector to the rear which shall be visible at least 600 feet to the rear. Bicycle pedals shall bear reflector strips and bicycle handlebars shall bear reflector tapes when in use in the nighttime or at other times when motor vehicles are required to display headlamps by section 1366. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which shall enable the operator to stop the bicycle within a reasonable distance.

2. Bell. No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the safety of bicyclists and to bring Maine law into closer conformity with the Uniform Vehicle Code.