

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 983

H. P. 812

House of Representatives, March 7, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Relating to Use of Bells and Sirens on Certain Emergency Vehicles
under the Motor Vehicle Laws.**

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

29 MRSA § 1362, last sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 513, § 22, 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 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, and such motor vehicles used by fire department and ambulance and rescue personnel as may be designated by the municipal officers of the municipality and countersigned by the police chief of the municipality.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow volunteer fire department, ambulance and rescue personnel vehicles to use sirens when authorized by the town's officers and police chief.