

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1103

S. P. 326

In Senate, March 19, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require Certain Lighting on Snow Plowing Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA § 1368, sub-§ 3, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 53, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Vehicles equipped for plowing snow with a plow attached shall be equipped with an auxiliary rotating flashing light, which shall be mounted on top of the vehicle in such a manner as to emit an amber beam of light over a 360° angle. Such lighting shall be in use at all times when said vehicle is traveling upon a public way and when said vehicle is entering in or upon such public ways in the course of plowing.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Current statutes only allow lighting of snow plowing vehicles when entering upon public ways in the course of plowing. This change would require lighting when said vehicles are traveling upon public ways with plows attached so as to give the traveling public warning of the existence of a plow-equipped vehicle. Frequently it is difficult to see plows, especially at night and plow attachments often extend beyond the width of the vehicle to which they are attached.