

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Pierce of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Authorize Use of Emergency Lights and Signals by State  
Liquor Inspectors.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 29 MRSA § 1362, 9th sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 497, § 3, 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, **state liquor inspectors**, and such motor vehicles used by inland fisheries and game wardens as may be designated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 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.

**Sec. 2.** 29 MRSA § 1368, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1973, c. 31, is further amended to read:

**2. Police department vehicles.** Lights used on police department vehicles and on motor vehicles operated by chiefs of police, state fire inspectors, **state**

liquor inspectors, inland fisheries and game wardens, sea and shore fisheries wardens, Baxter State Park rangers, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs shall emit a blue beam of light.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to include state liquor inspectors in the provisions granting authority to use a blue emergency light on departmental vehicles. It also includes a provision for state liquor inspectors to have authority to use emergency signaling devices and sirens.