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Presented by Senator Lovell of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to School Buses Used by Nonprofit Organizations for the
Purpose of Transporting Children to Organized Activities.**

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

29 MRSA § 2011, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 695,

2. School bus. The term "school bus" shall include every motor vehicle with a carrying capacity of 10 or more passengers, whether publicly or privately owned, which is used to transport school children to and from school or to and from school activities for which such transportation is approved by the appropriate school authorities, ~~and~~ to and from municipally operated activities or activities of a nonprofit corporation or association for which such transportation is approved by the appropriate school authorities, **or to and from activities of the YMCA or YWCA for which transportation is approved by the appropriate organization director.** This definition shall not include private motor vehicles used to transport members of the owner's household.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The boarding and departure of children to and from buses used by nonprofit organizations such as the YMCA and the YWCA along the State and federal highways creates a very hazardous and dangerous condition. This situation is caused mainly by the state law which does not permit privately owned buses to use flashing red lights for traffic control while the children are entering or leaving the bus. The intent of this legislation is to correct this dangerous situation.