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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 52, L.D. 77, Bill, "AN ACT to Permit Privately-owned Snowplows to keep Warning Lights on when on the Highways as well as Private Property."

Amend the Bill in the Title by inserting at the end before the period the following: 'and to Require Reflectors for Protruding Plow Blades'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Sec. 2. 29 MRSA \$1368, sub-\$3,2nd , as enacted by PL 1973, c. 53, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

If any plow blade protrudes by more than 12 inches on the left side of a vehicle equipped and used for plowing snow on other than public ways there shall be a reflector attached to the left edge or above the left edge of that blade. This reflector shall be kept clear at all times when that vehicle is on a public way. This reflector shall be visible at a distance of at least 100 feet to any oncoming vehicle.'

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Statement of Fact

When private snow plows travel on public ways, they occasionally carry plow blades which stick out from the vehicle by a foot or more.

Oncoming drivers often cannot see this protruding blade. When they try to squeeze past the plow on a street made narrow by piled up snow, they scrape their car against the blade.

This amendment will require a reflector to be put on or above the edge of a blade which protrudes a foot or more from the edge of a private snow plow, and thus will give oncoming drivers adequate warning of the protruding blade.

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