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H. P. 543

House of Representatives, February 21, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rollins of Dixfield.

Cosponsor: Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Prohibit an Intentional Attempt to Elude a Police Officer through
High-speed Driving.**

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 2121, 2nd ¶, last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 58, is further amended to read:

Failure to comply with this requirement shall be a ~~misdemeanor~~ **Class E crime.**

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 2121, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 58, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following new paragraph:

If the operator, after being so requested or signaled, attempts to elude the officer by driving his vehicle at an excessive rate of speed, and this attempt results in a high-speed chase between the operator's vehicle and any law enforcement vehicle using blue light and siren, that operation shall constitute a Class C crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for a separate offense and penalty for high-speed attempts to elude apprehension. This legislation is intended as a deterrent to this extremely dangerous conduct.