

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 720

H. P. 572

House of Representatives, February 22, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gwadosky of Fairfield.

Cosponsors: Mr. Dutremble of Biddeford, Mr. Elias of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Permit the Use of Flashing Red Lights on Vehicles Used by Doctors  
and Osteopaths.**

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

29 MRSA § 1368, sub-§ 5, is enacted to read:

**5. Physicians. A physician registered under Title 32, chapter 48, and an osteopathic physician registered under Title 32, chapter 36, may display a red blinker or flashing red signal light of the same proportion, in the same location and under the same conditions as those permitted volunteer firemen, when authorized by the municipal officers of the municipality in which the blinker or light is displayed.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes medical doctors and osteopaths to display a red blinker or a flashing red signal light in their motor vehicles in the same way as volunteer firemen. Doctors and osteopaths often need to drive their motor vehicles to emergency situations involving danger to human life; this bill will make their journey safer than it now is, and will provide needed warning to other traffic.