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H. P. 637

House of Representatives, February 26, 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. Fowlie of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Prohibit Vehicles from Passing School Buses on School Property while
Buses are Receiving or Discharging Students.**

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

29 MRSA § 2019, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 78, § 168, is amended to read:

2. Stopping. The operator of a vehicle on a way **or on school property**, upon meeting or overtaking a school bus from either direction which has stopped, with its red lights flashing, on the way to receive or discharge school children, shall stop ~~that the~~ vehicle before reaching ~~that the~~ school bus and ~~that the~~ operator shall not proceed until ~~that the~~ school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the school bus operator to proceed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to require motor vehicles to stop while school buses receive and discharge students on school property. Since present law requires vehicles to stop only on ways or roads, school buses and other vehicles pass school buses that are stopped on school property and are discharging or receiving students. This practice is dangerous. The law needs to be clarified to indicate that this is a prohibited practice.