

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 837

H. P. 678

House of Representatives, February 28, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Vehicles Following a Fire Truck Returning from a Fire.

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

29 MRSA § 1033 is amended to read:

§ 1033. Following fire apparatus

The driver of any motor vehicle shall not follow any fire apparatus **either** traveling in response to a fire alarm **or returning from the scene of a fire** closer than 500 feet.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits motorists from following closer than 500 feet any apparatus which is returning from the scene of a fire. There is no limit now, and cars often follow returning fire trucks closely. Firefighters on the trucks, especially those hanging on the side of the trucks are needlessly endangered. By providing the same 500 feet following limit for fire trucks returning from a fire that now applies to fire trucks going to a fire, the lives of our firefighters will be safeguarded.