

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 806**

H. P. 692

House of Representatives, February 11, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Conary of Oakland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Eliminate the Obsolescent Requirement for Red Flags During Daylight Hours for Motor Trucks and Truck Tractors.**

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1401 is amended to read:

**§ 1401. Trucks 15,000 pounds and over to carry flares**

No person shall operate or cause to be operated upon the highways of the State any motor truck or truck tractor having a registration or short-term permit in excess of 15,000 pounds unless equipped with ~~2 red flags, and in addition thereto~~ 3 flares, 3 red lanterns or 3 red emergency reflectors; except that in the case of vehicles used for transportation of inflammable liquids or gas in bulk, such equipment shall consist of ~~2 red flags, and in addition thereto~~ 3 red electric lanterns or 3 red emergency reflectors.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA, last sentence, is amended to read:

During such time as lights are not required, ~~red flags~~ red emergency reflectors shall be used in place of flares or lanterns or reflectors, ~~except that no flag shall be required to be placed at the side of the vehicle.~~

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the existing requirement of 2 red flags from the current law, since nationally the international 3 red emergency (triangles) reflectors have replaced the flags for some years now.