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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 896

H. P. 760 House of Representatives, February 17, 1981
Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Tuttle of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide Increased Visibility of Emergency Vehicles.

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

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

5. **Clearance lamps on fire and emergency vehicles. All clearance lamps on the front and sides of the body of any ambulance, fire department vehicle, rescue vehicle or the vehicle of any ambulance, fire or rescue officer may display a steady red beam of light in place of a steady amber beam of light.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit ambulance, fire and rescue vehicles to use a steady red beam of light rather than a steady amber beam of light in clearance lamps on the vehicle. This will give members of the public the ability to see and flag down such vehicles at night, if help is needed. Also, it will give the public notice of emergency vehicles, when not on emergency calls, preventing drivers from getting too close to cumbersome vehicles.