

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1305

S. P. 457

In Senate, March 16, 1981

On Motion of Senator O'Leary of Oxford, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator O'Leary of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide a Right-of-way to Pedestrians Against Drivers Entering Private Ways.

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

29 MRSA § 944 is amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the driver of a vehicle entering a private road, alley, driveway or building from a public way shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian approaching on the public way or sidewalk.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies the law regarding pedestrian rights, to give the pedestrian the right-of-way over a driver entering a private road, alley or driveway from a public way. Frequently, pedestrians are cut off in this situation and the law is presently unclear on the matter.