

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

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7 H.P. 27

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered  
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Paradis of Old Town.  
Cosponsor: Senator Hayes of Penobscot.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Authorizing the Use of Blue Lights  
18 on Vehicles by Constables.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §1368, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

23 2-A. Constables. The municipal officers of a  
24 municipality may authorize the display of lights  
25 emitting a blue beam of light on vehicles operated by  
26 constables under the following restrictions:

27 A. The lights may be displayed only on vehicles  
28 owned by the municipality;

1 B. Only persons duly appointed by the municipal  
2 officers as constables may display the lights;

3 C. The lights may only be used within the bound-  
4 aries of the municipality; and

5 D. The vehicle displaying the lights must dis-  
6 play on the vehicle the name of the municipality  
7 or a similar symbol which will identify the vehi-  
8 cle.

9 . STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This bill includes the municipal constable as an  
11 authorized agency for the use of blue lights in con-  
12 nection with motor vehicle law enforcement.

13 The constable is charged with motor vehicle law  
14 enforcement under Title 30, chapter 213, subchapter  
15 III-A, within the municipal jurisdiction. As such a  
16 positive means of identification must be available to  
17 insure compliance with instructions and provide  
18 public confidence of bona fide intent.

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