

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

No. 186

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7 H.P. 162 House of Representatives, January 13, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence
9 and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Reeves of Newport.

Cosponsors: Representative Drinkwater of Belfast and Representative
MacEachern of Lincoln.

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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 to Permit Trained, Qualified and
18 Uniformed Constables to use Blue Lights on
19 Motor Vehicles.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 29 MRSA §1368, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

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

29 A. The lights may only be displayed by uniformed
30 constables who have been duly appointed by the
31 municipal officers as constables and who have
32 successfully completed a training program as pro-
33 vided under Title 25, section 2805.

1 B. The lights may only be used within the bound-
2 aries of the municipality and may only be acti-
3 vated while the constable is conducting official
4 business.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

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

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

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