

# 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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7 H.P. 232

House of Representatives, January 25, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on January 25, 1983. Referred to the  
9 Committee on Transportation, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

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 Wreckers to Use  
18 Flashing Red Lights on  
19 Limited Access Highways.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 29 MRSA §1368, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1973, c.  
24 53, is further amended to read:

25 3. Emergency service vehicles. Lights used on  
26 vehicles engaged in highway maintenance, in emergency  
27 rescue operations by civil defense and public safety  
28 agencies, wreckers and public utility emergency ser-  
29 vice vehicles shall emit an amber beam of light,  
30 except that wreckers servicing disabled vehicles on  
31 interstate highways or the Maine Turnpike may use  
32 flashing red lights.

1 Vehicles equipped and used for plowing snow on other  
2 than public ways may be equipped with an auxiliary  
3 rotary flashing light, which shall be mounted on top  
4 of the vehicle in such a manner as to emit an amber  
5 beam of light over a 360° angle. Such lighting shall  
6 only be in use on a public way when the vehicle is  
7 entering in or upon such public ways in the course of  
8 plowing private driveways and other off-highway loca-  
9 tions.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

11 This bill allows wreckers providing service to  
12 disabled vehicles on either the Maine Turnpike or  
13 interstate highways to use flashing red lights  
14 instead of flashing amber lights. Flashing red  
15 lights will be more visible to approaching motorists,  
16 thereby providing a greater margin of safety for the  
17 passengers of the disabled vehicle and the wrecker  
18 operator.

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