

# 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. 442

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7 S.P. 151

In Senate, February 1, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and  
9 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

10 Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

Cosponsors: Representative Hobbins of Saco, Representative Drinkwater  
of Belfast and Representative Tuttle of Sanford.

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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 Raising the Limit on Speeding  
18 Violations which can be Processed by the  
19 District Court Traffic Violations  
20 Bureau.  
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
23 follows:

24 4 MRSA §164, sub-§12, ¶B, as amended by PL 1975,  
25 c. 770, §12, is further amended to read:

26 B. The Chief Judge shall by order, which may  
27 from time to time be amended, suspended or  
28 repealed, designate the traffic offenses within  
29 the authority of the violations clerk. ~~Such~~ The  
30 offenses shall not include:

31 (1) Driving to endanger;

32 (2) Reckless driving;

- 1 (4) Offenses resulting in accident;
- 2 (5) Operating while under the influence of
- 3 intoxicating liquor or a narcotic drug or
- 4 while impaired;
- 5 (6) Driving after suspension or revocation
- 6 of operator's license;
- 7 (7) Operating without a license;
- 8 (8) Operating an unregistered motor vehi-
- 9 cle;
- 10 (9) Passing a stopped school bus;
- 11 (10) Exceeding the speed limit by more than
- 12 ~~15~~ 29 miles per hour;
- 13 (11) Loaning or altering license or permit;
- 14 (13) Leaving the scene of an accident;
- 15 (14) Taking a motor vehicle without con-
- 16 sent;
- 17 (15) Homicide or assault committed by means
- 18 of motor vehicle;
- 19 (16) Failure to report an accident;
- 20 (17) Passing on hills and curves.

21 The court shall establish schedules, within the  
22 limits prescribed by law, of the amount of fines to  
23 be imposed for ~~such~~ the offenses. The order of the  
24 court establishing the schedules shall be prominently  
25 posted in the place where the fines are paid. Fines  
26 and costs shall be paid to, receipted by and account-  
27 ed for by the violations clerk in accordance with  
28 these provisions.

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 This bill is proposed in order to reflect current  
31 practice, since 1977, within the Traffic Violations

1 Bureau of the District Court. Raising the limit to  
2 29 miles per hour makes it possible for a person to  
3 plead guilty and pay the prescribed fine without hav-  
4 ing to appear in court so long as the motorist has  
5 not exceeded the posted speed limit by more than this  
6 amount. This is a convenience to the motorist as  
7 well as expediting the work of the District Court.

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