

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. 868

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7 H.P. 688

House of Representatives, February 24, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Curtis of Waldoboro.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Regarding the Motor Vehicle
18 Offenses of Eluding a Police Officer and
19 Passing a Roadblock.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §2501-A, sub-§3, as amended by
24 PL 1981, c. 117, §2, is further amended to read:

25 3. Eluding an officer. Whoever, after being
26 requested or signaled to stop, attempts to elude a
27 law enforcement officer by driving a vehicle at a
28 reckless rate of speed which results in a high-speed
29 chase between the operator's vehicle and any law
30 enforcement vehicle using a blue light or siren is
31 guilty of a Class D crime. If any person suffers any
32 personal injury as a result of the operator's attempt
33 to elude a law enforcement officer as described in
34 this section, that operator commits a Class C crime.

1 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2501-A, sub-§4, as enacted by
2 PL 1981, c. 117, §3, is amended to read:

3 4. Passing a roadblock. It is unlawful for the
4 operator of any motor vehicle to pass or attempt to
5 pass a roadblock, clearly identifiable as a police
6 roadblock, without authorization. Failure to comply
7 with this subsection is a Class C crime. If any
8 person suffers personal injury as a result of an
9 operator's passing or attempting to pass a roadblock
10 in violation of this subsection, that operator com-
11 mits a Class B crime.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This bill upgrades the motor vehicle crimes of
14 eluding a police officer or passing a roadblock if
15 personal injury results to any person - police offi-
16 cer, vehicle operator or innocent bystander.

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