

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1100

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(Filing No. H- 206)

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 850,  
L.D. 1100, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Right-of-way for  
Emergency Vehicles."

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Amend the bill in that part designated "§946." by  
striking out all of the first sentence (page 1, lines  
25 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the fol-  
lowing:

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'Police, fire department, ~~traffie~~ emergency  
~~repair vehicles and ambulances~~ and ambulance vehi-  
cles, when operated in response to calls, or when a  
police officer is in pursuit of a motor vehicle oper-  
ator for which he has probable cause to believe that  
the operator has committed or is in the process of  
committing a violation of law, shall have the right-  
of-way.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this amendment is to clearly dis-  
tinguish the type of vehicle and operator who has the  
right-of-way. According to this amendment, a police  
officer who witnesses a violation of the law or who  
has probable cause to believe that a person has vio-  
lated the law, has the right-of-way in traffic. The  
police officer does not have to wait for a call in  
order to obtain the right-of-way in an emergency  
situation.

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