

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. 1100

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7 H.P. 850

House of Representatives, March 7, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence
and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Theriault of Fort Kent.

Cosponsor: Representative Moholland of Princeton.

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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 Concerning Right-of-way for
18 Emergency Vehicles.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §946, as amended by PL 1967, c. 245, §13,
23 is further amended to read:

24 §946. Police and fire vehicles

25 Police, fire department, traffic emergency repair
26 vehicles and ambulances, when operated in response to
27 calls, or when in the pursuit of an actual or sus-
28 pected violator of the law, shall have the right-
29 of-way. On the approach of any such vehicle, from
30 any direction, and when such vehicle is sounding a
31 siren and emitting a flashing light, the driver of
32 every other vehicle shall immediately draw his vehi-
33 cle as near as practicable to the right-hand curb and

1 parallel thereto, clear of any intersection, and
2 bring it to a standstill until such public service
3 vehicles have passed.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 Often there is a need for law enforcement offi-
6 cers to clear traffic that will enable them to stop a
7 violator that is operating in a hazardous manner.
8 This bill requires the officer to use his lights and
9 siren when in pursuit of such a violator, and every
10 other vehicle to give way the same as when the offi-
11 cer is responding to a call.

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