

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 888

S.P. 309

In Senate, March 24, 1987

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to
Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and
ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative REEVES of Pittston, Senator
GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Representative PINES of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Facilitate the Movement of
Emergency Relief Vehicles.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
follows:

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §246-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL
1985, c. 523, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Application. Notwithstanding any other pro-
vision of law, a person owning, operating or causing
operation of a vehicle on the highways of this State,
subject to Title 36, chapter 453, 457, 459 or 463-A,
shall apply to the Secretary of State for a fuel use
identification decal for each vehicle covered by
those reports or licensing requirement, except vehi-
cles owned and operated by government agencies, vehi-
cles bearing dealer registration plates pursuant to

1 subchapter III-A and, recreational vehicles, and au-
2 thorized emergency vehicles as defined in section 1,
3 subsection 1-B, based in another jurisdiction and op-
4 erating in or through this State in response to a de-
5 clared emergency.

6 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §260 is enacted to read:

7 §260. Authorized emergency vehicles

8 Authorized emergency vehicles as defined in sec-
9 tion 1, subsection 1-B duly registered in another ju-
10 risdiction and operating in or through this State as
11 a result of a declared emergency shall be exempt from
12 further registration requirements.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This bill permits authorized emergency vehicles,
15 as designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety,
16 based in another state to operate in or through this
17 State during declared emergencies without the neces-
18 sity of obtaining fuel use licenses or intrastate
19 registrations. For example, the American Red Cross
20 maintains 2 tractor-semitrailer trucks that respond
21 to emergencies. Since these vehicles respond on
22 short notice it is often not possible to obtain the
23 necessary credentials from all the states in a timely
24 manner. This bill will permit response without de-
25 lay.

26 2103021987