

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1146

H.P. 852 House of Representatives, April 8, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested  
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative NORTON of Winthrop.  
Cosponsored by Representatives GOULD of Greenville and  
BAILEY of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Concerning Passing a School Bus With  
2 Flashing Red Lights.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §2019, sub-§2, as amended by PL  
7 1979, c. 101, is further amended to read:

8 2. Stopping. The operator of a vehicle on a way  
9 or on school property, upon meeting or overtaking a  
10 school bus from either direction ~~which--has--stopped,~~  
11 with its red lights flashing, on the way to receive  
12 or discharge school children, shall stop the vehicle  
13 before reaching the school bus and the operator shall  
14 not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or  
15 until signaled by the school bus operator to proceed.

1           Sec. 2. 29 MRSa §2019, sub-§5, as repealed and  
2 replaced by PL 1977, c. 78, §168, is repealed and the  
3 following enacted in its place:

4           5. Penalty. The registered owner of a motor ve-  
5 hicle which is operated by him or another in noncom-  
6 pliance with this section commits a Class E crime.

7                                 STATEMENT OF FACT

8           The purpose of this bill is to make it a crime to  
9 pass a school bus with flashing red lights. Under  
10 this bill, it is the registered owner of the motor  
11 vehicle which is operated improperly who commits the  
12 crime, whether or not he is the actual operator.

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