

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2099

H.P. 1544 House of Representatives, January 20, 1988

Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative RACINE of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Representative SHELTRA of Biddeford and
Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Amend the Law Requiring**
2 **Motorists to Stop for School Buses.**
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

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

8 2. Stopping. The operator of a vehicle on a way

1 or on school property, upon meeting or overtaking a
2 school bus from either direction which has stopped,
3 with its red lights flashing, on the way to receive or
4 discharge school children, shall stop the vehicle
5 before reaching the school bus and the operator shall
6 not proceed until the flashing lights of the school
7 bus resumes motion or until signaled by the school
8 bus-operator-to-proceed are turned off.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This bill removes the language which authorizes
11 school bus operators to signal other drivers to pass
12 that bus in order to avoid requiring school bus
13 drivers to appear in court to refute such defenses.
14 This bill would save school units the extra expense of
15 hiring replacement drivers.

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