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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Require Motor Vehicles to Stay in the Right Lane Except for Passing.

4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 5 follows:

29 MRSA §992, as amended by PL 1983, c. 818, §12, 7 is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read: 8

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1	The operator of a vehicle driving on any portion
2	of a limited-access roadway where the speed limit is
3	65 miles per hour shall be restricted in ordinary
4	operation to the right-hand lane and may use the
5	adjacent lane or lanes for overtaking and passing
6	another vehicle, but shall return to the right-hand
7	lane at the earliest opportunity. This requirement
8	shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles, nor
9	to any vehicle when otherwise directed by posted
10	signs, by a law enforcement officer or by a highway
11	maintenance crew.
12	FISCAL NOTE
13	It is anticipated that any costs relating to the
14	erection of signs and other related expenses would be
15	absorbed by the Department of Transportation utilizing
16	existing resources.
17	STATEMENT OF FACT
18	This new draft extends the concept of the original
19	bill to all vehicles. All vehicles except emergency
20	vehicles on limited-access roadways and highways where
21	the speed limit is 65 miles per hour must stay to the
22	right, except when passing or unless otherwise
23	directed by signs, by a law enforcement officer or by
24	a highway maintenance crew. The 65 miles per hour
25	speed limit is authorized on the Maine Turnpike and
26	the Interstate Highway by the Maine Revised Statutes,
27	Title 29, section 1252. Authorized emergency vehicles
28	are defined in Title 29, section 1-B.

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