

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative McPHERSON of Eliot, Representative MACOMBER of South Portland and Senator GOULD of Waldo.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Require the Use of Flashing Amber Lights on Vehicles  
During Sanding and Snow Removal Operations.**

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

3 **29 MRSA §1462**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 360, §§41 and 42,  
5 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7 **§1462. Snow removal or sanding equipment**

9 **1. Amber lights required on vehicles.** All vehicles, while  
11 being used for the express purpose of plowing snow or sanding on  
13 public ways shall be equipped with at least 2 auxiliary lights to  
15 be mounted on the highest practical point on the vehicle, one  
17 showing to the front and one to the rear of the vehicle. The  
19 lights shall emit an amber beam of light and shall be at least 6  
21 inches in diameter and shall be equipped with blinker  
23 attachments. In lieu of the lights specified, vehicles may be  
25 equipped with at least one auxiliary rotary flashing light having  
27 4-inch sealed beams and showing amber beams of light over a 360°  
range. When the left wing of the plow is in operation and  
extends over the center of the road, an auxiliary light shall  
show the extreme end of the left wing. This light may be  
attached to the vehicle with the beam of light pointed at the  
left wing. These lights may be controlled by a separate switch  
or may be controlled by the regular lighting system and shall be  
in operation whenever the vehicles are used for plowing snow and  
sanding on public ways in either the nighttime or daytime. The  
use of these auxiliary lights shall not relieve the owner or  
operator from conforming to section 1366.

29 **2. Display required during operations.** Any vehicle, while  
31 engaged in snow removal or sanding operations on a public way,  
33 shall display the flashing or rotating amber lights required by  
subsection 1 or authorized by section 1367-B, subsection 5.

35 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

37 Present law requires that vehicles plowing snow or sanding  
39 be equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights. This bill  
makes it clear that those lights must be turned on during sanding  
or snow removal operations on public ways.