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House of Representatives, March 7, 1989

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 O'DEA of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta and Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Clarify the Motor Vehicle Law Concerning the Operation of Motorcycles.



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

3 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §999, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 88, §4,
5 is amended to read:

7 The operator of a motorcycle or a motor driven cycle shall
9 not overtake and pass in the lane occupied by the vehicle being
11 overtaken. This paragraph does not apply to a motorcyclist
13 passing a bicycle nor to a police ~~officer~~ officers in the
15 performance of ~~his~~ their duties.

17 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §999, as amended by PL 1981, c. 88, §4, is
19 further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

21 An operator who fails to keep both of the motorcycle's
23 wheels on the surface on which it is being operated is guilty of
25 driving to endanger under section 1314. This paragraph does not
27 apply to police officers in the performance of their duties.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 This bill requires operators of motorcycles to keep both
25 wheels on the ground while operating the motorcycle. A person
27 who violates this law is guilty of driving to endanger. This
bill does not apply to law enforcement officers.