

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 310

In Senate, March 20, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RANDALL of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro.

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STATE OF MAINE

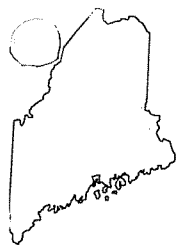
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

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An Act Regarding High-speed Chases.

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

3 29 MRSA §2501-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1987, c. 678, §2,  
5 is further amended to read:

7 3. Eluding an officer; written policies. Whoever, after  
9 being requested or signaled to stop, attempts to elude a law  
11 enforcement officer by driving a vehicle at a reckless rate of  
13 speed which results in a high-speed chase between the operator's  
15 vehicle and any law enforcement vehicle using a blue light and  
siren is guilty of a Class C crime. If any person suffers any  
serious bodily injury, as defined in Title 17-A, section 2,  
subsection 23, as a result of the operator's attempt to elude a  
law enforcement officer as described in this section, that  
operator commits a Class B crime.

17 State, county and municipal police departments shall adopt  
19 written policies on the use of high-speed chases. In developing  
these policies, the police departments shall consider:

21 A. The location of the chase;

23 B. The severity of the crime giving rise to the chase; and

25 C. The risk to public safety posed by the chase.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

31 This bill requires police departments to establish written  
policies on the use of high-speed chases.