

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 19, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Ed Pert

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Allow Volunteer Firefighters to Use Sirens Enroute to Fires.



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

3 29 MRSA §1362, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 644, §7, is
5 amended to read:

7 No signaling device may be unnecessarily sounded nor any
9 braking or acceleration unnecessarily made so as to cause a
11 harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise. No bell or siren may
13 be installed or used on any motor vehicle, except that fire and
15 police department vehicles and ambulances and vehicles operated
17 by state, city and town fire inspectors, city and town fire
19 chiefs, assistant fire chiefs, volunteer firefighters, police
21 chiefs and assistant police chiefs may be so equipped for use
23 only when responding to emergency calls; motor vehicles used by
25 forest rangers or personnel engaged in forest fire control as may
27 be designated by the Department of Conservation; motor vehicles
29 used by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs; motor vehicles used by
inland fisheries and game wardens as may be designated by the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; motor vehicles used
by coastal wardens as may be designated by the Department of
Marine Resources; motor vehicles used by United States Government
law enforcement officials; motor vehicles used by a state or
municipal department which controls or supervises electrical
alarm and communication systems may be so equipped for use as
provided by law; and motor vehicles used by corrections personnel
as may be designated by the Department of Corrections may be so
equipped for use only when responding to prison escapes or
performing high-security transfers of committed offenders.

31 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

33 This bill allows volunteer firefighters to operate sirens
when responding to fire calls.