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Reference to the Committee on Transportation 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 EMERSON of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Winthrop and Representative CHONKO of
Topsham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Facilitate the Prosecution of Drivers who Illegally Pass School
Buses.**



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

29 MRSA §2019, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Criminal liability of owner of vehicle. The owner of a vehicle whose operator fails to comply with subsection 2 is criminally liable for the conduct of the operator. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this subsection if the owner proves that another person operated the vehicle at the time that the violation occurred.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Current law requires an operator of a vehicle to stop upon meeting or overtaking a school bus that has its red lights flashing. This bill makes the registered owner of a vehicle legally accountable if the driver of the vehicle violates this law.