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House of Representatives, February 8, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Traffic Approaching a School Bus.

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

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Sec. 1. 29 MRSA $\S2012$, sub-\$1, \PA , as amended by PL 1989, c. 71, \$4, is further amended to read:

A. Shall <u>Must</u> be identified with the words, "School Bus," printed in letters not less than 8 inches high, located between the warning signal lamps as high as possible without impairing visibility of the lettering from both front and rear and have no other lettering on the front thereef or on the rear <u>of the bus</u> with the exception of lettering not more than 4 inches high indicating an emergency exit, <u>lettering</u> on the front and rear of the bus indicating that all motor vehicles approaching a bus with flashing red lights must stop until flashing lights cease or until motioned to proceed by the school bus operator and a number assigned to that specific bus when desired. Four-ineh-lettering-on-buses with-20-or-less-carrying-capacity-shall-be-optional-until September-1,-1977;

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA 2019, sub- 3, as amended by PL 1987, c. 601, 3, is further amended to read:

24 2. Stopping. The operator of a vehicle on a way or on school property, upon meeting or overtaking from either direction
26 a school bus which-has-stopped with its red lights flashing, shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus, and the
28 operator shall may not proceed until the school bus resumes metion lights stop flashing or until signaled by the school bus
30 operator to proceed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires that motor vehicle operators stop upon approaching a school bus exhibiting flashing red lights and that a notice to this effect must be displayed on the front and rear of a school bus.