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Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

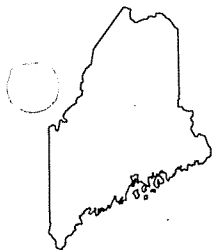
Presented by Representative STROUT of Corinth.

Cosponsored by Representative MACOMBER of South Portland, Senator GOULD of Waldo
and Representative MARTIN of Van Buren.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding Amber Lights on Snowplows and Sanding Equipment.



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

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4 29 MRSA § 1462, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 50, is amended to read:

6 1. Amber lights required on vehicles. All vehicles, while
8 being used for the express purpose of plowing snow or sanding on
10 public ways shall, must be equipped with at least 2 auxiliary
12 lights to be mounted on the highest practical point on the
14 vehicle, one showing to the front and one to the rear of the
16 vehicle. The lights shall must emit an amber beam of light and
18 shall, be at least 6 inches in diameter and shall be equipped
20 with blinker attachments. In lieu of the lights specified,
22 vehicles may be equipped with ~~at least one~~ either an auxiliary
24 rotary flashing light having 4-inch sealed beams and showing
26 amber beams of light over a 360° range or an amber strobe, or
28 combination of strobes, that emits as a minimum a beam of
30 1,000,000 candlepower and that provides visible light coverage
32 over a 360° range. When the left wing of the plow is in
34 operation and extends over the center of the road, an auxiliary
36 light shall must show the extreme end of the left wing. This
38 light may be attached to the vehicle with the beam of light
40 pointed at the left wing. These lights may be controlled by a
separate switch or may be controlled by the regular lighting
system and shall must be in operation whenever the vehicles are
used for plowing snow and sanding on public ways in either the
nighttime or daytime. The use of these auxiliary lights shall
does not relieve the owner or operator from conforming to section
1366.

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 Current law establishes the required size of amber strobe
36 lights based on the size, in inches, of the light. Technology
38 has developed smaller-sized lights with greater candlepower and
40 some Department of Transportation and municipal vehicles have
these newer lights. This bill recognizes these newer lights, and
closes a loophole which might result in court actions involving
vehicles so equipped.