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House of Representatives, March 13, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Senator RICH of Cumberland and Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding Passing of School Buses.

(EMERGENCY)



	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
4	as emergencies; and
4	Whereas, there is a potential hazard to mentally handicapped
6	adults if this legislation does not take effect before the
	expiration of the 90-day period; and
8	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
10	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
12	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
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	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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18	Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §2019, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 601, §2, is further amended to read:
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20	1. Receiving or discharging passengers. The operator of any school bus carrying seheel-age-persons passengers shall activate
22	the system of flashing lights at least 100 feet before any stop
	is made to receive or discharge its passengers and these lights
24	shall must continue to be displayed until after the bus has
26	received or discharged its passengers.
20	Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2019, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1987, c. 601,
28	§4, is further amended to read:
30	4. Use of flashing lights restricted. The operator of any
	school bus shall may not use the system of flashing lights on a
32	school bus for any purpose other than controlling traffic in
	connection with the stopping of that bus for the purpose of
34	receiving or discharging seheel-age-persens passengers.
36	Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §2019, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 601,
	§5, is repealed.
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	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
40	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This bill makes it illegal for operators of motor vehicles
46	to pass a stopped school bus carrying passengers of all ages.
48	Current laws make it illegal to pass a school bus that is carrying school-aged children. This bill also eliminates the
T 0	definition of school-aged children.