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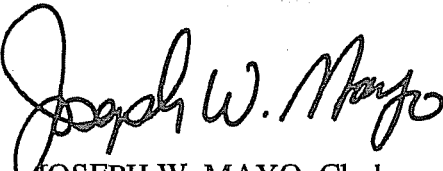
H.P. 416

House of Representatives, February 17, 1993

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Emergency Lights on Vehicles.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AIKMAN of Poland.  
Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: AULT of Wayne, BAILEY of Farmington, CARROLL of Gray, CLARK of  
Millinocket, PENDEXTER of Scarborough, SMALL of Bath.

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

**Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §946-C, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 837, Pt. B, §17 and c. 841, §15, is further amended by amending subparagraph (16) to read:

(16) A vehicle operated by a municipal fire inspector, a municipal fire chief, a municipal rescue chief, an assistant or deputy chief or a town forest fire warden;

**Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §946-C, sub-§2, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 444, §5, is amended by enacting subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) A municipal rescue chief may use a flashing red signal light not more than 5 inches in diameter on a vehicle. The light may be displayed but may be used only while the chief is en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. The light must be mounted as near as practicable above the registration plate on the front of the vehicle, on the dashboard or on the vehicle's roof. A light mounted on the dashboard must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill allows municipal rescue chiefs to use flashing red lights on their vehicles en route to or at the scene of a fire or emergency.