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117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

Legislative Document **No. 737**

H.P. 541 House of Representatives, March 7, 1995

An Act to Provide for the Safety of Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service Personnel.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

F. Only vehicles listed in this paragraph, rural mail vehicles as provided in paragraph C, subparagraph (5) and school buses may be equipped with, display or use a red auxiliary or emergency light.

(1) Emergency lights used on an ambulance, an emergency medical service vehicle, a fire department vehicle, a fire vehicle or a hazardous material response vehicle must emit a red light or a combination of red and white light.

(2) The municipal officers, when approved by the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use a no more than 2 flashing red signal ~~light~~ lights not more than 5 inches in diameter on a vehicle. The ~~light~~ lights may be displayed but may be used only while the member is en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. The ~~light~~ lights must be mounted as near as practicable above the registration plate on the front of the vehicle or on the dashboard. A light mounted on the dashboard must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision.

(3) Members of an emergency medical service licensed by Maine Emergency Medical Services may display and use on a vehicle a no more than 2 flashing red signal ~~light~~ lights of the same proportion, in the same location and under the same conditions as those permitted municipal and volunteer firefighters, when authorized by the chief official of the emergency medical service.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases to 2 the number of flashing red signal lights a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or a member of an emergency medical service may use on a vehicle.