

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 48

H.P. 23

House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

**An Act to Allow Escorts of Certain Motor Vehicles by Any Police Officer.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater.  
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, O'NEAL of Limestone, PINKHAM of  
Lamoine.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2382, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **9. Pilot vehicles and police escorts.** Pilot vehicles  
8 required by a permit must be equipped with warning lights and  
signs as required by the Secretary of State with the advice of  
the Department of Transportation.

10 Warning lights may only be operated and lettering on the signs  
12 may only be visible on a pilot vehicle while it is escorting on a  
public way a vehicle with a permit.

14 The Secretary of State shall require a State Police, county  
16 sheriff or municipal police escort for a single vehicle or a  
combination of vehicles of 125 feet or more in length or 16 feet  
18 or more in width. The Secretary of State, with the advice of the  
Commissioner of Transportation, may require vehicles of lesser  
20 dimensions to be escorted by the State Police, county sheriff or  
municipal police.

22 The Bureau of State Police shall establish a fee for State Police  
24 escorts.

26 All fees collected must be used to defray the cost of services  
provided.

28 With the advice of the Commissioner of Transportation and the  
30 Chief of the State Police, the Secretary of State shall establish  
rules for the operation of pilot vehicles.

32 **SUMMARY**

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36 This bill provides that a county sheriff or municipal police  
officer may serve as an escort for certain oversized vehicles.  
38 Current law requires a State Police escort.