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An Act to Expand the Use of Emergency Equipment on Vehicles Operated by Liquor Enforcement Officers.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 4	Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2212, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §82 and affected by §153, is repealed.
6	Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
8	683, Pt. A, $\S2$ and affected by Pt. B, $\S5$, is amended to read:
10	B. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any one of the following vehicles:
12	(1) An ambulance;
14	(2) A Baxter State Park Authority vehicle operated by a Baxter State Park ranger;
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18	(3) A Bureau of Marine Patrol vehicle operated by a coastal warden;
20	(4) A Department of Conservation vehicle operated by a forest ranger;
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24	(5) A Department of Conservation vehicle used for forest fire control;
26	(6) A Department of Corrections vehicle used for responding to the escape of or performing the
28	high-security transfer of a prisoner, juvenile client or juvenile detainee;
30	(7) A Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
32	vehicle operated by a warden;
34	(8) A Department of Public Safety vehicle operated by a liquor enforcement officer forthepurpose of
36	enfereing section-2411-orTitle28-A , a state fire inspector or a Maine Drug Enforcement Agency officer;
38 40	(9) An emergency medical service vehicle;
42	(10) A fire department vehicle;
44	(11) A hazardous material response vehicle;
46	<pre>(12) A railroad police vehicle;</pre>
48	(13) A sheriff's department vehicle;
	(14) A State Police or municipal police department
50	vehicle;

2	(15) A vehicle operated by a chief of police, a sheriff or a deputy sheriff when authorized by the
4	sheriff;
б	(16) A vehicle operated by a municipal fire inspector, a municipal fire chief, an assistant or deputy chief or
8	a town forest fire warden;
10	(17) A vehicle operated by a qualified deputy sheriff or other qualified individual to perform court
12	security-related functions and services as authorized by the State Court Administrator pursuant to Title 4,
14	section 17, subsection 15; or
16	(18) A Federal Government vehicle operated by a federal law enforcement officer.
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20	SUMMARY
22	Current law allows liquor enforcement officers to use blue lights and sirens only when enforcing state liquor laws or the
24	OUI law.
26	This bill removes the restriction on when the emergency equipment may be operated.

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