

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 2139

H.P. 1495

House of Representatives, April 5, 1999

**An Act to Allow Authorized Emergency Vehicles to Display a Blue  
Light on the Rear of the Vehicle.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 BULL of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BUMPS of China, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor.

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

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

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D. Emergency lights used on a police vehicle; a Department of Corrections vehicle as described in subsection 1, paragraph B, subparagraph (6); a vehicle operated by a chief of police, a sheriff or a deputy sheriff; and a vehicle operated by a qualified deputy sheriff or other qualified individual performing court security-related functions and services must emit a blue light or a combination of blue and white light. ~~No other vehicle may be equipped with or display a blue light, except that on any~~ A blue light may be mounted on the rear, the outside or the top of an authorized emergency vehicle to be used at an emergency scene so that the light may be visible to approaching traffic. On any vehicle, or replica of a vehicle, manufactured prior to 1952 and registered under section 457, the taillight may contain a blue or purple insert of not more than one inch in diameter.

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows a blue light to be mounted on authorized emergency vehicles.