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H.P. 431

House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

An Act to Improve Police Officer Safety.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CHASE of Levant, LOVETT of Scarborough, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
4 683, 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 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. Emergency lights on a police motorcycle operated for traffic enforcement may emit a combination of blue and red lights.

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows emergency lights on a police motorcycle to emit a combination of blue and red lights.