

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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No. 814

S.P. 246

In Senate, February 15, 2001

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**An Act to Promote Safety on the Highways.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and  
Senators: CARPENTER of York, DAGGETT of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford,  
MARTIN of Aroostook, SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston,  
PEAVEY of Woolwich.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2385, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1999, c.  
4 468, §4, is further amended to read:

6           **4. Trailers.** A trailer or semitrailer that is wider than  
8 the vehicle towing it must be equipped with side mirrors that  
10 allow an unobstructed view of traffic approaching from the rear.  
12 The trailer or semitrailer must also be equipped with reflective  
14 material or a lamp on each front corner that is visible to  
16 oncoming traffic.

18           **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2395, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

20           **3-A. Hazardous conditions.** It is unlawful for a vehicle  
22 consisting of more than 2 axles or a combination vehicle  
24 consisting of a 2-axle single unit truck operating in combination  
26 with a trailer with 2 or more axles to operate in the passing  
28 lane on any segment of the state highway system displaying a  
30 warning to reduce speed due to hazardous conditions.

**SUMMARY**

24           This bill requires that a vehicle hauling a trailer or  
26 semitrailer that is wider than the vehicle towing it must be  
28 equipped with mirrors that allow an unobstructed view of  
30 approaching traffic. The bill also makes it unlawful for certain  
vehicles to operate in the passing lane when hazardous conditions  
exist.