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H.P. 959

House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

**An Act to Allow Fire Police Constables to use Roof-mounted Emergency Lights.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLLINS of Wells, DAVIS of Falmouth,  
DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HEIDRICH of Oxford, McKENNEY of Cumberland, TOBIN of  
Windham, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 1995, c.  
5 22, §1, is further amended to read:

6 F. Only vehicles listed in this paragraph, rural mail  
7 vehicles as provided in paragraph C, subparagraph (5) and  
8 school buses may be equipped with, display or use a red  
9 auxiliary or emergency light.

10 (1) Emergency lights used on an ambulance, an  
11 emergency medical service vehicle, a fire department  
12 vehicle, a fire vehicle or a hazardous material  
13 response vehicle must emit a red light or a combination  
14 of red and white light.

15 (2) The municipal officers or a municipal official  
16 designated by the municipal officers, with the approval  
17 of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a  
18 municipal or volunteer fire department to use a  
19 flashing red signal light not more than 5 inches in  
20 diameter on a vehicle. The light may be displayed but  
21 may be used only while the member is en route to or at  
22 the scene of a fire or other emergency. The light must  
23 be mounted as near as practicable above the  
24 registration plate on the front of the vehicle or on  
25 the dashboard. A light mounted on the dashboard must  
26 be shielded so that the emitted light does not  
27 interfere with the operator's vision.

28 (3) Members of an emergency medical service licensed  
29 by Maine Emergency Medical Services may display and use  
30 on a vehicle a flashing red signal light of the same  
31 proportion, in the same location and under the same  
32 conditions as those permitted municipal and volunteer  
33 firefighters, when authorized by the chief official of  
34 the emergency medical service.

35 (4) A sworn fire police constable may use a flashing  
36 red signal light, which may be permanently mounted on  
37 the roof of the vehicle, only while the constable is at  
38 the scene of a fire or other emergency.

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41 **SUMMARY**

42 This bill allows fire police constables, who are used for  
43 traffic and crowd control at the scene of an emergency, to use  
44 permanently roof mounted flashing red signal lights while the  
45 constable is at the scene of a fire or other emergency.