

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 131

House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

### An Act To Improve Safety on the Maine Turnpike

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and  
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, EARLE of Damariscotta, HOTHAM of Dixfield,  
LESSARD of Topsham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2051, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 4. Multilane highway. On a highway with more than 2 lanes  
8 in the same direction, a commercial motor vehicle is restricted  
10 in ordinary operation to the right-hand lane and in overtaking  
12 and passing is restricted to the next adjacent travel lane and  
14 may not use any other lanes except in an emergency. For purposes  
16 of this section, "commercial motor vehicle" means a vehicle in  
18 excess of 2 1/2 tons used for transportation of goods, wares and  
merchandise.

### SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a commercial motor vehicle from travelling in the far left lane on a multilane highway.