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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1080

House of Representatives, March 31, 2003

### **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing School Bus Headlights**

(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.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner,  
CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, MARRACHÉ of Waterville,  
SAMPSON of Auburn.

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, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6       A. Only an ambulance; an emergency medical service vehicle;  
8       a fire department vehicle; a police vehicle; a Department of  
10       Conservation vehicle used for forest fire control; a  
12       Department of Corrections vehicle as described in subsection  
14       1, paragraph B, subparagraph (6); a school bus; and a  
16       highway maintenance vehicle may be equipped with a device  
18       that provides for alternate flashing of the vehicle's  
20       headlights.

22       **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2312** is enacted to read:

24       **§2312. Lights**

26       At all times during the operation of a school bus, an  
28       operator of a school bus shall keep lit the headlights and  
30       daytime running lights, if equipped, of the bus. A school bus  
32       brought into service after the effective date of this section  
34       must be equipped with daytime running lights.

**SUMMARY**

28       This bill amends the law to allow school buses to be  
30       equipped with a device that provides for alternate flashing of  
32       the headlights. In addition, this bill requires operators of  
34       school buses to keep the headlights and daytime running lights on  
at all times of operation. School buses coming into operation  
after the effective date of this Act must be equipped with  
daytime running lights.