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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 182, L.D. 243, Bill, "An Act To Allow Emergency Responders To Equip Their Vehicles with 2 Emergency Flashing Lights"

Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph F and inserting in its place the following:

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

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

(2) The municipal officers or a municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use a flashing-red-signal-light-not-more-than-5-inches-in-diameter-on-a-vehicle one red or combination red and white flashing auxiliary light mounted as near as practicable above the front registration plate on the front of the vehicle, behind the rearview mirror or on the dashboard or 2 flashing red or combination red and white auxiliary lights mounted on the front of the

2 vehicle above the front bumper and below the hood. The
3 light or lights may be displayed but may be used only
4 while the member is en route to or at the scene of a
5 fire or other emergency. ~~The light must be mounted as~~
6 ~~near as practicable above the registration plate on the~~
7 ~~front of the vehicle or on the dashboard.~~ A light
8 mounted on the dashboard or behind the rearview mirror
9 must be shielded so that the emitted light does not
10 interfere with the operator's vision. The use of
11 lights may be revoked at any time by the fire chief.

12 (3) Members of an emergency medical service licensed
13 by Maine Emergency Medical Services may display and use
14 on a vehicle a flashing red signal light red or red and
15 white combination flashing auxiliary lights of the same
16 proportion, in the same location and under the same
17 conditions as those permitted municipal and volunteer
18 firefighters, when authorized by the chief official of
19 the emergency medical service. The use of lights may be
20 revoked at any time by the chief official of the
21 emergency medical service.'

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SUMMARY

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27 This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "A" and removes
28 the requirement that municipal and volunteer firefighters and
29 emergency medical service personnel who are responding to the
30 scene of an emergency in personal vehicles be trained in
31 emergency vehicle operation. This amendment allows personal
32 vehicles of municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency
33 medical services personnel to be equipped with flashing red or
34 combination red and white lights facing to the front of the
35 vehicle for use while en route to or at the scene of emergencies.

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