

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 348

In Senate, March 17, 2011

### An Act To Improve Vehicle Safety for First Responders

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Joseph G. Carleton Jr.*

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, PLOWMAN of Penobscot,  
WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BURNS of Whiting,  
PLUMMER of Windham, WILLETTE of Mapleton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 247, §4, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. Only an emergency medical service vehicle, a fire department vehicle and a  
5 police vehicle may be equipped with a device that provides for alternate flashing of  
6 the vehicle's brake or rear directional lights and back-up lights or strobe lights behind  
7 the rear brake lenses. A personal vehicle belonging to emergency medical personnel,  
8 firefighters and police officers responding to an emergency may use a device that  
9 provides for alternate flashing of the vehicle's brake or rear directional lights and  
10 back-up lights or strobe lights behind the rear brake lenses.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows emergency medical service vehicles, fire department vehicles and  
13 personal vehicles of emergency medical personnel, firefighters and police officers to be  
14 equipped with a device that provides for alternate flashing of the vehicle's brake or rear  
15 directional lights and back-up lights or strobe lights behind the rear brake lenses when  
16 responding to an emergency.