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House of Representatives, January 15, 2013

**An Act To Allow Vehicles Engaged in Snow Removal or Sanding
Operations on Public Ways To Use Preemptive Traffic Light
Devices**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative VOLK of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representatives: CASAVANT of Biddeford, NUTTING of Oakland, PARRY of Arundel,
PEOPLES of Westbrook, SIROCKI of Scarborough, Senator: BOYLE of Cumberland.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** amending the law to allow vehicles engaged in snow removal or sanding
4 operations on public ways to use preemptive traffic light devices will promote safety on
5 Maine roadways; and

6 **Whereas,** it is necessary to improve safety by implementing this legislation as soon
7 as possible for the 2012-2013 winter season; and

8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
11 therefore,

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

13 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2057-A, sub-§3, ¶¶B and C,** as enacted by PL 2003, c.
14 633, §6, are amended to read:

15 B. Transit route buses engaged in the transportation of passengers and maintained by
16 or contracted to a municipal, county or state agency; ~~or~~

17 C. A vehicle used by the Department of Transportation for the purpose of installing,
18 maintaining or testing a lighted traffic control device; or

19 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2057-A, sub-§3, ¶D** is enacted to read:

20 D. A vehicle owned or contracted by a municipal, county or state agency engaged in
21 snow removal or sanding operations on a public way.

22 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
23 legislation takes effect when approved.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows a vehicle owned or contracted by a municipal, county or state agency
26 engaged in snow removal or sanding operations on a public way to use a preemptive
27 traffic light device.