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S.P. 128

In Senate, February 10, 2015

**An Act To Require Motorists To Move to a Nonadjacent Lane or
Slow Down for Certain Stationary Vehicles**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, Representative:
BLACK of Wilton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 348, §20, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **9. Stationary vehicles.** The operator of a vehicle passing a stationary authorized
5 emergency vehicle using an emergency light or a stationary public utility emergency
6 service vehicle, refuse, garbage or trash business vehicle or wrecker using its authorized
7 lights, with due regard to the safety and traffic conditions, shall:

8 A. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, public
9 utility emergency service vehicle, refuse, garbage or trash business vehicle or
10 wrecker, if possible; or

11 B. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, pass the authorized
12 emergency vehicle, public utility emergency service vehicle, refuse, garbage or trash
13 business vehicle or wrecker at a careful and prudent speed reasonable for passing the
14 ~~authorized emergency~~ vehicle or wrecker safely.

15 A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a minimum fine of \$250
16 must be adjudged.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill adds public utility emergency service vehicles and refuse, garbage and trash
19 business vehicles to the list of stationary vehicles for which a motorist must move to a
20 nonadjacent lane or, if moving to a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, slow down.