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H.P. 367

House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Flashing Lights by School Buses

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BATTLE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, HANLEY of Pittston, MAREAN of Hollis,
PRESCOTT of Waterboro, REED of Carmel, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TIMMONS of
Cumberland, TUELL of East Machias.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2308, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Receiving or discharging passengers. A school bus operator shall activate flashing lights at least 100 feet before a stop is made to receive or discharge passengers. ~~These and these~~ lights must be continually displayed until after the bus has received or discharged passengers, except that the school bus operator may receive or discharge passengers without activating flashing lights during a school field trip or sports trip when the passengers are with a chaperone or a coach and the school bus operator determines it is safe to do so.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a school bus driver to receive or discharge passengers without activating flashing lights during a school field trip or sports trip when the passengers are with a chaperone or a coach and the school bus driver determines it is safe to do so.