

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

### An Act To Prohibit Motor Vehicle Use in the Intertidal Zone

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Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.  
Cosponsored by Senator HERBIG of Waldo and  
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, CUDDY of Winterport,  
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MATLACK of St. George, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6959-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§6959-B. Operating a motor vehicle in the intertidal zone**

4 **1. Violation.** A person may not operate a motor vehicle as defined in Title 29-A,  
5 section 101, subsection 42 in the intertidal zone, except:

6 A. To launch or retrieve watercraft as defined in section 13001, subsection 28;

7 B. To engage in an activity that has received any necessary state or local permits and  
8 for which a motor vehicle is necessary; or

9 C. If the vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle as defined in Title 29-A, section  
10 2054, subsection 1, paragraph B.

11 **2. Penalty.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

12 A. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of  
13 not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

14 B. A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having  
15 committed 3 or more civil violations under this section within the previous 5-year  
16 period commits a Class E crime.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle in the intertidal zone  
19 except to launch or retrieve a watercraft, to engage in an activity that requires the use of a  
20 motor vehicle and for which any necessary state or local permits have been obtained or if  
21 the vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle. It specifies that a person who violates the  
22 prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle in the intertidal zone commits a civil  
23 violation, except that a person who is adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil  
24 violations for operating a motor vehicle in the intertidal zone within the previous 5-year  
25 period commits a Class E crime.