

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 270

House of Representatives, January 24, 2019

### **An Act To Increase the Penalties for Illegally Passing a School Bus**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McDONALD of Stonington.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BERRY of Bowdoinham, FAULKINGHAM of Winter  
Harbor, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, McCREA of Fort  
Fairfield, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2308, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and  
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **6. Penalty.** A violation of subsection 2 or 3 is a Class E crime, which  
5 notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1301, is punishable by:

6 A. A \$500 fine and a suspension of a driver's license for not more than 30 days for  
7 the first offense; and

8 B. A fine of not less than \$1,000 and a suspension of a driver's license for not less  
9 than 30 days for a 2nd or subsequent offense occurring within 5 years of the first  
10 offense.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill increases the penalties for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights  
13 flashing. The new penalties are:

14 1. A \$500 fine and a suspension of a driver's license for not more than 30 days for  
15 the first offense; and

16 2. A fine of not less than \$1,000 and a suspension of a driver's license for not less  
17 than 30 days for a 2nd or subsequent offense occurring within 5 years of the first offense.