

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 458

S.P. 136

In Senate, January 29, 2019

### An Act To Require Motorists To Yield to Transit Buses

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CEBRA of Naples, McLEAN of Gorham, PERKINS of Oakland, SHEATS of Auburn, WHITE of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2053, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Yield to transit buses.** An operator of a vehicle must yield the right-of-way to a  
4 transit bus traveling in the same direction if the transit bus has signaled and is reentering  
5 the traffic flow from a bus stop or shoulder of the roadway. This subsection does not  
6 relieve the operator of a transit bus from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety  
7 of all persons using the roadway. For purposes of this subsection, "transit bus" means a  
8 bus operated by a public mass transit operator and does not include a school bus.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires an operator of a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a transit bus  
11 traveling in the same direction if the transit bus has signaled and is reentering the traffic  
12 flow from a bus stop or shoulder of the roadway.