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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 490, L.D. 1555, Bill, "An Act To Improve Highway Maintenance Safety"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C by striking out all of subparagraph (1) (page 1, lines 6 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(1) A vehicle engaged in highway maintenance or in emergency rescue operations by emergency management and public safety agencies and a public service vehicle may be equipped with auxiliary lights that emit an amber light.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C by striking out all of subparagraph (1-B) (page 1, lines 14 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(1-B) A municipal public works vehicle or a vehicle operating under direction of the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority may be equipped with auxiliary lights that are green, white or amber or any combination of green, white or amber. Lights under this subparagraph may be located on the front, rear or sides of the vehicle and may flash, oscillate, strobe or blink.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §2069 in subsection 1 in the 2nd to the last line (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "of rules" and inserting the following: 'rules'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §2069 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 3, lines 14 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'4. **Liability for damages; charges.** The State, a political subdivision of the State or, the Maine Turnpike Authority, a law enforcement officer or a 3rd-party agent acting on behalf of the State, a political subdivision of the State or the Maine Turnpike Authority is not liable for damage that may be caused by removal of a vehicle or for any towing or storage charges.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies that a municipal public works vehicle or vehicle operating under direction of the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority may be equipped with green, white or amber auxiliary lights, which may be located on the front, rear or sides of the vehicle and may flash, oscillate, strobe or blink.

This amendment also makes minor technical changes to section 2 of the bill.