

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 489

House of Representatives, March 3, 2021

**An Act To Provide Chiefs of Police the Discretion To Allow the Use  
of Light Bars on Emergency Vehicles**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on March 1, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 335, §5, is  
3 further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

4 (2) Emergency lights used on an ambulance, an emergency medical service  
5 vehicle, a fire department vehicle or a hazardous material response vehicle may  
6 include one blue light mounted facing toward the rear of the vehicle so that the  
7 light is primarily visible to approaching traffic from the rear only. Any other blue  
8 light used on an ambulance, an emergency medical service vehicle, a fire  
9 department vehicle or a hazardous material response vehicle must be approved by  
10 the chief of the local law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction of the vehicle.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows ambulances, emergency medical service vehicles, fire department  
13 vehicles and hazardous material response vehicles to use blue lights other than the one blue  
14 light mounted facing toward the rear of the vehicle presently allowed by law, upon approval  
15 of the chief of the local law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction of the vehicle.