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**An Act To Allow Trucks To Use the Leftmost Lane of a Three-lane
Interstate Highway To Safely Accommodate Entering and Exiting
Vehicles**

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 2, 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 "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative GRIGNON of Athens.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §2052, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Trucks and truck tractors; leftmost lane.** An operator driving a truck or truck
4 tractor on that section of Interstate 95 from the New Hampshire state line to the southern
5 terminus of the Maine Turnpike or on that section of the turnpike south of mile marker 44
6 that consists of at least 3 lanes in each direction may operate in the leftmost lane only as
7 necessary to safely accommodate entering or exiting vehicles. This subsection does not
8 apply to pickup trucks.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill allows trucks with a registered gross vehicle weight over 10,000 pounds,
11 including truck tractors, to operate in the leftmost lane only as necessary to safely
12 accommodate vehicles entering or exiting Interstate 95 from the Maine-New Hampshire
13 border to the southern terminus of the Maine Turnpike and entering or exiting the Maine
14 Turnpike south of mile marker 44 where there are at least 3 lanes in each direction.