

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 346

In Senate, March 11, 2021

### **An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and  
Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representative: WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2091, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 167, §1, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **1. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "public safety traffic flagger" means a  
5 municipal firefighter, a volunteer firefighter or a member of an emergency medical service  
6 licensed by the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services who is  
7 trained in accordance with subsection 2 and authorized by the chief official of the fire  
8 department or emergency medical service to control vehicular traffic or a nonsworn  
9 member of a law enforcement agency who is trained in accordance with subsection 2 and  
10 authorized by the chief official of the law enforcement agency.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill enables a trained nonsworn member of a law enforcement agency to serve as  
13 a public safety traffic flagger to control vehicular traffic at emergency scenes in the same  
14 manner as firefighters and members of emergency medical services control vehicular  
15 traffic.