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TRANSPORTATION

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 455, L D 686, "An Act to Enhance Safety for Unregistered Farm Tractors and Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following

'An Act to Enhance Safety for Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1909-C, as enacted by PL 2019, c 170, §2, is amended to read

§1909-C Animal-drawn vehicles

An animal-drawn vehicle operated on a public way during nighttime must be equipped with the following

1. **Light.** ~~An~~ During nighttime, an oil lantern or electric lights attached to the left side of the vehicle that displays a red light toward the rear of the vehicle and a white light toward the front of the vehicle, and

2. **Reflective tape** ~~Grade DOT C2 white reflective tape as described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.108, in effect on March 26, 2019, applied to the vehicle as follows-~~

~~A- Seventy-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear frame of the vehicle;~~

~~B- Thirty-six inches of reflective tape on each side of the vehicle, applied in segments that outline the frame on each side with at least 2 segments applied to the upper borders; and~~

~~C- Forty-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front frame of the vehicle-~~

3. **Reflective gear.** At all times, one of the following

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(1) Seventy-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear frame of the vehicle,

(2) Thirty-six inches of reflective tape on each side of the vehicle, applied in segments that outline the frame on each side with at least 2 segments applied to the upper borders, and

(3) Forty-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front frame of the vehicle, or

B A slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the vehicle '

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

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the bill and removes the requirement for an animal-drawn vehicle to be equipped with reflective tape and replaces it with a requirement to be equipped with either reflective tape or a slow-moving vehicle emblem. The amendment removes a requirement for unregistered farm tractors to be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle emblem.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 686

LR 1217(02)

An Act to Enhance Safety for Unregistered Farm Tractors and Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time

The collection of additional fines associated with the requirements on unregistered farm vehicles and animal-drawn vehicles will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts