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House of Representatives, December 11, 2025

An Act to Improve Safety by Allowing the Use of Variable-message Signs on Public Service Vehicles

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 9, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rlt B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶K is enacted to read:

K. "Variable-message sign" means a traffic control device on which a message can be displayed and changed manually, electrically, mechanically or electromechanically to provide information about traffic congestion, traffic accidents, maintenance operations, adverse weather conditions, roadway conditions, organized events or other necessary information.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Variable-message signs. The operator of an authorized public service vehicle may use a variable-message sign on the authorized public service vehicle while the vehicle is stationary and engaged in roadside repair, loading or unloading a vehicle, vehicle recovery or general traffic control. The Commissioner of Public Safety may adopt rules as necessary for the purpose of implementing this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the operator of an authorized public service vehicle to use a variable-message sign on the authorized public service vehicle while the vehicle is stationary and engaged in roadside repair, loading or unloading a vehicle, vehicle recovery or general traffic control.