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House of Representatives, December 17, 2025

**An Act to Bring the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for
Trucks and Truck Tractors into Alignment with the Federal Motor
Carrier Laws**

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 15, 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 "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITE of Guilford.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1952, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §25 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

1. ~~Carry flares~~ Flares and reflective triangles. Except as provided in subsection 1-A, a truck or truck tractor with a registration for operation with gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds must be equipped with ~~2 red flags, 3 flares and 3 red lanterns or red emergency reflectors~~ reflective triangles.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1952, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. Disabled vehicle. When a truck or truck tractor with a registration for operation with gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds is disabled on a public way, the operator shall, ~~during the time that lights are required to be illuminated,~~ place emergency signals as follows:

A. One flare or ~~lantern or red emergency reflector~~ reflective triangle in the center of the lane of traffic occupied by the disabled motor vehicle not less than 100 feet from the vehicle in the direction of traffic approaching in that lane;

B. ~~One flare or lantern or red emergency reflector~~ reflective triangle not less than 100 feet from the vehicle in the center of the same lane in the opposite direction; and

C. ~~One flare or lantern or red emergency reflector~~ reflective triangle at the traffic side of the vehicle not closer than 10 feet from the front or rear.

When lights are not required to be illuminated, red flags must be used, except that no flag is required to be placed at the side of the vehicle.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law governing emergency equipment for trucks and truck tractors by removing references to flags, lanterns and emergency reflectors and replacing them with references to reflective triangles.