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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to a Green Light on Motor Vehicles Which  
Are Seven Feet in Width or Over.

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

Section sixty-eight of chapter two hundred and eleven of  
2 the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one as amended,  
3 is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof  
4 the following: 'Every motor vehicle seven feet or more in  
5 width shall have on the front thereof at a point at least  
6 two feet above the level of the steering wheel of such ve-  
7 hicle and on the extreme left of such vehicle, one lamp  
8 capable of displaying a green light visible for a distance  
9 of at least two hundred feet directly ahead of such vehicle,'

10 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 68. Every motor vehicle and tractor on wheels shall  
2 be equipped with lamps and lights as provided in this act,  
3 of sufficient power and so adjusted and operated as to en-  
4 able its operator to proceed with safety to himself and to  
5 other users of the ways under all ordinary conditions of  
6 highway and weather. Said lamps and lights shall con-  
7 form to and operate in accordance with the rules and reg-  
9 ulations promulgated from time to time by the secretary,  
9 as provided in this act, and shall be lighted during the  
10 period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour  
11 before sunrise; except as provided in section sixty-nine.

Every motor vehicle and tractor on wheels, other than a  
2 motorcycle, shall have mounted on the front thereof a pair  
3 of lamps, one on the right side and one on the left side  
4 each of approximately equal candlepower; and every motor-  
5 cycle shall have mounted on the front thereof one lamp.  
6 If any such vehicle is so mechanically constructed, gov-  
7 erned or controlled that it cannot exceed a speed of fifteen  
8 miles per hour, it shall have front lamps capable of fur-  
9 nishing light of sufficient candlepower to render any sub-  
10 stantial object clearly discernible on a level way at least  
11 fifty feet directly ahead and at the same time at least seven  
12 feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance  
13 of at least twenty-five feet. If said vehicles can exceed  
14 a speed of fifteen miles per hour, then they shall have front  
15 lamps capable of furnishing light of sufficient candlepower

16 to render any substantial object clearly discernible on a  
17 level way at least two hundred feet directly ahead and at  
18 the same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis  
19 of such vehicle for a distance of at least one hundred feet;  
20 provided that no front lamp capable of furnishing more  
21 than four candlepower light shall be used if equipped with  
22 a reflector, unless so designed, equipped or mounted that  
23 no portion of the beam of light when projected seventy-  
24 five feet or more ahead of the lamps shall rise above a  
25 plane forty-two inches higher than and parallel with the  
26 level surface on which the vehicle stands; and provided,  
27 further, that, at no time, shall the top of any main beam  
28 of light be higher than the headlight centers; and provided,  
29 further, that no electric bulb or other lighting device of a  
30 greater capacity than thirty-two candlepower shall be used,  
31 no matter how the same may be shaded, covered or ob-  
32 scured. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of  
33 this section, it shall be deemed to be a violation of its pro-  
34 visions if a front light or front lights of a motor vehicle  
35 projects the top of any main beam, at a distance of twenty-  
36 five feet ahead of the motor vehicle, on an approximately  
37 level stretch of highway, onto the body of a person or on  
38 a motor vehicle or any object, at a height greater than the  
39 distance of the centers of the front lights from the highway.

Every trailer, when operated at night shall carry at the  
2 front of its left side one lamp capable of throwing a white  
3 light visible from both sides of such vehicle; excepting,

4 however, small two-wheel trailers of one thousand pounds  
5 capacity or less, towed closely behind a motor vehicle, whose  
6 overall length, including towing vehicle and load, does not  
7 exceed thirty feet.

Every such motor vehicle, tractor and trailer shall have  
2 on the rear thereof, and to the left of the axis thereof, one  
3 lamp capable of displaying a red light visible for a distance  
4 of at least one hundred feet behind such vehicle; provided  
5 that when a vehicle is used in conjunction with another  
6 vehicle or vehicles, only the last of such vehicles shall be  
7 required to carry such lamp. Every such motor vehicle,  
8 tractor and trailer shall carry a lamp illuminating with  
9 white light the rear registration plate of such vehicle so  
10 that the characters thereon shall be visible for a distance  
11 of at least fifty feet.

Every motor vehicle seven feet or more in width shall  
2 have on the front thereof at a point at least two feet above  
3 the level of the steering wheel of such vehicle and on the  
4 extreme left of such vehicle, one lamp capable of display-  
5 ing a green light visible for a distance of at least two hun-  
6 dred feet directly ahead of such vehicle.'