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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 4

S. P. 26

In Senate, Jan. 14, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Wheeler of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Forbidding Sirens On Motor Vehicles with Certain
Exceptions.

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

Sect. 1. Section eighty of chapter twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'No siren shall be installed on any motor vehicle, except fire department apparatus, police department vehicles, including all automobiles used by officials, for official business of fire and police departments, and ambulances.' So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 80 Adequate brakes; signalling device; unnecessary noise to be avoided. Every motor vehicle shall be provided with adequate brakes in good working order and sufficient to control such vehicle at all times when the same is in use, and a suitable and adequate horn or other device for signalling. No signalling device shall be unnecessarily sounded in the thickly settled part of a city or town so as to make a harsh, objectionable, or unreasonable noise; except in the case of fire and police department vehicles and ambulances. All motor vehicles shall be equipped with a muffler of such construction and device as to prevent excessive noise. No person operating a motor vehicle shall at any time open the muffler cut-out, or permit the exhaust to make any unnecessary noise. No siren

shall be installed on any motor vehicle, except fire department apparatus, police department vehicles, including all automobiles used by officials, for official business of fire and police departments, and ambulances.