

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 540

In Senate, March 10, 1931.

Reported by Senator Weeks of Somerset from Committee on  
Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

New Draft of S. P. 26, L. D. 4.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Forbidding Sirens on Motor Vehicles with Certain  
Exceptions.

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

Section eighty of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth and fifth lines thereof the words "in the thickly settled part of a city or town," and by striking out in the sixth and seventh lines thereof, the words "except in the case of fire and police department vehicles and ambulances," and by inserting after the word "noise" in the sixth line thereof, the following: 'and no bell or siren shall be installed or used on any motor vehicles except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 80. Adequate brakes; signalling device; unnecessary noise to be avoided. 1921, c. 211, s. 66. 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 so as to make a harsh, objectionable, or unreasonable noise, and no bell or siren shall be installed or used on

any motor vehicles except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls. 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.'