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House of Representatives, February 11, 1937.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Newton of Readfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Requiring Hand or Mechanical Signals by Operators of Motor
Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 29, additional. Chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 74-A, 74-B and 74-C, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 74-A When signal required. No person shall turn a vehicle from a direct course upon a highway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement or after giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided in the event any other vehicle may be affected by such movement.

A signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.

No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal.'

'Sec. 74-B Signals by hand and arm or signal device. The signals herein required shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal lamp or signal device of a type approved by the department, but when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear of such vehicle then said signals must be given by such a lamp or device.'

'Sec. 74-C Method of giving hand and arm signals. All signals herein required given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:

1. Left turn.—Hand and arm extended horizontally.
2. Right turn.—Hand and arm extended upward or moved with a sweeping motion from the rear to the front.
3. Stop or decrease of speed.—Hand and arm extended downward.'