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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary. Presented by Senator Elliot of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Sirens on Automobiles.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 80, amended. Section 80 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 80. Adequate brakes; signalling device; unnecessary noise to be avoided; bell or siren forbidden, exceptions. 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 vehicle except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls and such cars as may be designated by the chief of the state police to serve only as a signal to warn residents in rural sections of a blackout. 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.'