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House of Representatives, January 28, 1947.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burton of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to the Use of Hand Signals and Lights in the Operation
of Motor Vehicles.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, §§ 107-A and 107-B, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 107-A and 107-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 107-A. Signaling before starting, turning or stopping. Before starting, stopping, backing or turning from a direct line, the driver of any vehicle on a highway shall first see that such movement can be made in safety, and, if a pedestrian may be affected by such movement, give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn, and when the operation of another vehicle may be affected by the movement, give a signal, as required in this section, plainly visible to the driver of the other vehicle or pedestrian of the intention to make such movement.

The signal herein required shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner herein specified, or by an approved mechanical or electrical signal device, except that when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent the hand and arm signal from being visible, both to front and rear, the signal shall be given by a device of a type which has been approved by the secretary of state.

When the signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the driver shall indicate his intention to start, stop or turn by extending the hand and arm from and beyond the side of the vehicle.

For a right turn, the hand and arm shall be extended upward, to indicate to drivers of vehicles behind that they may pass to the left.

For a left turn, the index finger shall be pointed to the left, to indicate to drivers of vehicles behind that he intends to turn in that direction.

When stopping or slowing up, the arm and hand shall be kept in a steady position, with palm to the rear.

Sec. 107-B. Backing or turning in street. No vehicle shall back or make a turn in a street, if by so doing it interferes with other vehicles, but shall go around a block or to a street sufficiently wide to turn in without backing.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 112-A, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 112-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 112-A. Headlights to be dimmed or operated on low beam when approaching oncoming vehicles. Whenever the driver of a vehicle equipped with multiple-beam road lighting equipment, during the times when lighted lamps are required, approaches an oncoming vehicle within 500 feet, such driver shall dim the headlights or switch to a low beam so that the glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the oncoming driver.'