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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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Senate Amendment "A" to H. P. 2025, L. D. 1414, Bill "An Act Relating to Overtaking and Passing School Buses."

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Amend said Bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 105-A, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 105-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 105-A. Overtaking and passing school bus. The driver of a vehicle outside of a business or residential district upon meeting or overtaking any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signalled by the driver to proceed.

The driver of a vehicle on a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway or when on a limited or controlled access highway and the school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 37 of the re-

vised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the 2nd paragraph thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

**“STOP ON SIGNAL” shall be painted on the rear of all school buses, as above defined, and such painting shall be covered or concealed when such bus is used for any purpose other than transportation of pupils.’**

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 37, § 9, amended.** The next to last paragraph of section 9 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘All school buses as defined in this section shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher of a type and size approved by the laboratories of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. In addition to other lights required by law on each such bus, its front and rear shall be equipped with a stop light of a type approved by the secretary of state. Such light shall be clearly displayed whenever the bus stops to receive or discharge its passengers. Such stop light shall be covered or concealed when such bus is used for any purpose other than transportation of pupils’ ”**