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House of Representatives, January 20, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Allen of Chelsea.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Definition of School Buses and Overtaking and Passing School Buses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 48, amended. The 1st and 2nd paragraphs of section 48 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

‘The term “school bus” includes every motor vehicle owned by a public or governmental agency and operated for the transportation of children to or from school, **or to or from any school activities**, or privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from school, **or to or from any school activities**. Buses operated by a motor carrier having a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Public Utilities Commission under the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of chapter 48, which comply with the requirements of the Commission, within a city in which such carrier is so authorized to operate, shall not be regarded as “school buses.”

All school buses, as above defined, shall bear upon the front and rear thereof a plainly visible sign “School Bus” in letters not less than 4 inches in height which ~~can~~ shall be removed or covered when the vehicle is not in use as a school bus; but this provision shall not apply to public buses while transporting school children together with regular passengers. Such standard “descriptive signs” shall be furnished at cost by the Department of Education.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 119, amended. Section 119 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 119. Overtaking and passing school buses.** The driver of a vehicle on a way, **except the roadway of a dual highway divided by a median strip,**

carrying traffic in the opposite direction, upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the way for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed. Each motor vehicle, carrying the designation "School Bus," shall conceal or remove such designation when such motor vehicle is parked on any way and does not contain any pupils or used for any purpose other than transportation of pupils.'