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### STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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#### **AN ACT Relating to Limitations on Overtaking Motor Vehicles on the Left.**

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

**R. S., c. 22, § 117, amended.** The 1st 3 paragraphs of section 117 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the roadway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken. In every event the overtaking vehicle must return to the right-hand side of the roadway before coming within 100 feet of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

No vehicle shall at any time be driven to the left side of the roadway under the following conditions:

I. When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway where the driver’s view is obstructed within such distance as to create a

hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction

II. When approaching within 100 feet of or traversing any intersection or railroad grade crossing, except when turning to the left to enter an intersecting way.

III. When the view is obstructed upon approaching within 100 feet of any bridge, viaduct or tunnel.

The foregoing limitations shall not apply upon a one-way roadway.'