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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Choate of Hallowell.

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### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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#### AN ACT Relating to Type of Lights on School Buses.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 48, amended.** The 6th paragraph of section 48 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is 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. **Every such bus shall also be equipped with signal lamps mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, which shall be capable of displaying to the front 2 alternately flashing red lights located at the same level and to the rear 2 alternately flashing red lights located at the same level, and these lights shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight. Every such bus shall also be equipped with two 2-way revolving lights equipped with sealed beam bulbs held rigidly in balance and capable of displaying a red light over a 360° horizontal plane. These lights shall be located at the front and rear of the bus between the lights described in the 3rd sentence of this paragraph. No revolving lights shall be installed on a school bus unless the type has been approved by the Secretary of State. The provisions of this**

section with reference to lights shall apply only to school buses with a carrying capacity of 10 or more pupils.'

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This law shall be effective for all such buses on September 1, 1960.