

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature  
1ST SPECIAL SESSION  
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AND BY THE  
One Hundred and Seventh Legislature  
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SECTION 164, SUBSECTION 6.

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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
OF THE  
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4 MRSA § 157, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 5, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

The Chief Judge, with the advice and consent of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, shall designate one of the District Court Judges as Deputy Chief Judge. The Deputy Chief Judge shall receive compensation of \$500 annually in addition to his annual salary as District Court Judge.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 12, 1975

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## CHAPTER 260

### AN ACT Relating to the Prohibition Against Hitchhiking.

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

29 MRSA § 2188, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

It shall be unlawful for any person to hitchhike on the traveled portion of any public highway, on any portion of any limited access highway, including but not limited to the Maine Turnpike or on any portion of any public highway during the nighttime as defined in section 1252. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the solicitation of aid in the event of accidents or by persons who are sick or seeking assistance for the sick. The exception for sickness shall apply only in cases of bona fide sickness in which an emergency exists.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a municipality from regulating or prohibiting hitchhiking by appropriate ordinance on any public highway or portion thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Department of Transportation from regulating and prohibiting hitchhiking on any state or state aid highway or portion thereof in the interest of safety at those locations where accident occurrence may be a problem, limited visibility exists, or severe traffic conflicts or other safety factors may occur.

Areas where hitchhiking has been regulated or prohibited shall be clearly identified by posted signs.

“Hitchhiking” as used in this section shall mean to endeavor by words, gestures or otherwise, to beg, invite or secure transportation in any motor vehicle not engaged in passenger carry for hire, unless said persons know the driver thereof or any passenger therein.

Effective October 1, 1975