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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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Supplementary to the Acts and Resolves of the Regular Session

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CHAPTER 653**AN ACT Relating to Emergency Lights for Vehicles.**

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

29 MRSA § 1368, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 510, § 37, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. Ambulances; fire department vehicles. Lights used on ambulances, fire department vehicles, vehicles operated by city and town fire inspectors, forestry department vehicles used for forest fire control purposes and by vehicles operated by chiefs and chief officers, such as assistant chiefs, deputy chiefs and district chiefs of fire departments shall emit a red beam of light. When authorized by the municipal officers of a municipality and countersigned by the fire chief, a red blinker or flashing red signal light not more than 5 inches in diameter may be mounted as near as practicable above the registration plate on the front of a motor vehicle, or mounted on the dashboard so that the light will be shielded from the driver so as not to interfere with his vision, while operated by a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department. Such light may be displayed but shall not be in operation except while such vehicle is in use for fire or other emergency service. No volunteer or municipal firefighter shall operate a red blinker or flashing red signal light upon such motor vehicle, except while actually enroute to the scene of a fire or other emergency requiring his services and unless he shall be an active member of such department. Nothing herein shall limit the use of lights showing a red beam of light to the front or rear of school buses, provided those lights are of a type approved by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services as stated in section 2012.

Effective July 29, 1976

CHAPTER 654**AN ACT to Clarify the Laws Relating to County Budgets.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the York County Commissioners have impounded funds intended for 5 social service agencies located in York County, which funds were appropriated specifically for them in the county estimates for the biennium beginning January 1, 1975; and

Whereas, as a result of the impoundment, many social services have been curtailed in York County; and