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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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## CHAPTER 116

S. P. 272 — L. D. 699

### AN ACT Providing for a Period of Silence in Public Schools.

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

20 MRSA § 1233 is enacted to read:

#### § 1233. Period of silence

The school board of a school administrative unit may require, at the commencement of the first class of each day in all grades in all public schools in their unit, that the teacher in charge of the room in which each class is held shall announce that a period of silence shall be observed for reflection or meditation, and during that period silence shall be maintained and no activities engaged in.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 117

H. P. 178 — L. D. 225

### AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to Examinations of Motor Vehicles by Police Officers and to Increase the Penalty for Avoiding a Police Roadblock.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 2501, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, § 186, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Whoever, while operating a vehicle in violation of this Title, fails or refuses, when requested by an officer authorized to make arrests, to give his correct name and address is guilty of a Class E crime.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 2501-A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 663, § 187, is amended to read:

#### § 2501-A. Refusing to stop for a law enforcement officer

1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the term "signal" may include the use of a hand signal, siren or flashing emergency lights, and the term

**“roadblock” means a physical barrier, a vehicular or other obstruction placed upon a way at the direction of a law enforcement officer.**

**2. Failure to stop.** It is unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to fail or refuse to stop that vehicle upon request or signal of any **uniformed law enforcement** officer. Failure to comply with this subsection is a Class E crime.

**3. Eluding an officer.** Whoever, after being requested or signaled to stop, attempts to elude ~~the~~ a **law enforcement** officer by driving a vehicle at a reckless rate of speed which results in a high-speed chase between the operator’s vehicle and any law enforcement vehicle using a blue light or siren is guilty of a Class D crime.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 2501-A, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

**4. Passing a roadblock.** It is unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to pass or attempt to pass a roadblock, clearly identifiable as a police roadblock, without authorization. Failure to comply with this subsection is a Class C crime.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 2506, sub-§ 5, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 464, § 5, is amended to read:

A. Any farm truck subject to partial inspection shall bear the name of the town in which the excise tax is paid in 4-inch letters on the left door of the cab of the truck; and

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA § 2506, sub-§ 6 is enacted to read:

**6. Motor vehicles operated on islands.** Motor vehicles registered under section 242 which are to be operated exclusively on islands.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 118

S. P. 128 — L. D. 300

### AN ACT to Provide an Open Season on Moose.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7463, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, § 50, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7463-A is enacted to read:

§ 7463-A. Moose