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CHAPTER 446

H.P. 811 - L.D. 1051

AN ACT to Modify Certain Rules of the
Road to Conform with the Uniform Vehicle
Code.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §§904-A and 904-B are enacted to read:

§904-A. Pedestrians on ways; drivers to exercise due care

Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter or the provisions of any local ordinance, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused, incapacitated or intoxicated person.

§904-B. Pedestrians' right-of-way on sidewalks

The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian on a sidewalk.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §941 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§941. Persons riding animals or driving animal-drawn vehicles

Every person riding an animal or driving any animal-drawn vehicle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except those provisions of this chapter which by their very nature have no application.

When persons operating motor vehicles are approaching each other from opposite directions on a way, they shall reasonably travel to the right of the center of the travel portion of the roadway so that they can pass each other without interference. When it is unsafe, or difficult to do so, the drivers shall stop at a reasonable time, at a convenient place, allowing one to pass.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §941-A is enacted to read:

§941-A. Obedience to and required traffic-control devices

The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device, applicable thereto placed in accordance with this chapter, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this chapter.

The placing of traffic control devices in positions approximately conforming to the requirements of this chapter is prima facie evidence that the devices have been so placed by the official act or direction of lawful authority, unless the contrary is established by competent evidence.

Any official traffic-control device placed pursuant to this chapter and purporting to conform to the lawful requirements pertaining to these devices shall be presumed to comply with the requirements of this chapter, unless the contrary is established by competent evidence.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §944-B is enacted to read:

§944-B. Right-of-way; vehicle turning left

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 447

H.P. 1153 - L.D. 1523

AN ACT to Amend the Foreclosure Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §152, as amended by PL 1983, c. 275, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: