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CHAPTER 82

H.P. 305 - L.D. 394

AN ACT to Amend the Law Regarding
Parking Brake Requirements on Motorcycles
and Motor Driven Cycles.

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

29 MRSA §1362, as amended by PL 1975, c. 497, §3, is further amended to read:

§1362. Brakes; signals; unnecessary noise; bells and sirens; exceptions

Every motor vehicle shall be provided with adequate brakes in good working order and sufficient to control such vehicle at all times when the same is in use, and a suitable and adequate horn or other device for signaling. Every such motor vehicle shall have brakes adjusted so as to stop 2-wheel brake vehicles at a speed of 20 miles per hour within a distance of 45 feet and 4-wheel brake vehicles within 30 feet, excepting motorcycles and motor driven cycles, which at all times and under all conditions of loading, shall have brakes adjusted so as to stop such vehicles within a distance of 30 feet from a speed of 20 miles per ~~hours~~ hour. Every such vehicle and combination of vehicles, except 2-wheel motorcycles and 2-wheel motor driven cycles, shall be equipped with parking brakes adequate to hold the vehicle on any grade on which it is operated, under all conditions of loading, on a surface free from snow, ice or loose material. The parking brakes shall be capable of being applied in conformance with the foregoing requirements by the driver's muscular effort or by spring action or by equivalent means. Their operation may be assisted by the service brakes or other source of power, provided that failure of the service brake actuation system or other power assisting mechanism will not prevent the parking brakes from being applied in conformance with the foregoing requirements. The parking brakes shall be so designed that when once applied they shall remain applied with the required effectiveness despite exhaustion of any source of energy or leakage of any kind. The same brake drums, brake shoes and lining assemblies, brake shoe anchors and mechanical brake shoe actuation mechanism normally associated with the wheel brake assemblies may be used for both the service brakes and the park-

ing brakes. If the means of applying the parking brakes and the service brakes are connected in any way, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part shall not leave the vehicle without operative brakes. No signaling device shall be unnecessarily sounded nor any braking or acceleration unnecessarily made so as to cause a harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise, and no bell or siren shall be installed or used on any motor vehicle except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances, and vehicles operated by state, city and town fire inspectors, city and town fire chiefs, assistant fire chiefs, police chiefs and assistant police chiefs may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls, and such motor vehicles used by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and such motor vehicles used by inland fisheries and game wardens as may be designated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and such motor vehicles used by coastal wardens as may be designated by the Department of Marine Resources, and such motor vehicles used by United States Government law enforcement officials, and such motor vehicles used by a state or municipal department which controls or supervises electrical alarm and communication systems.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 83

H.P. 787 - L.D. 1102

AN ACT Relating to Loans and Investments by Financial Institutions.

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

Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §224, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Loans and investments. The board of each financial institution shall establish written policies for approval of loans and investments. In the policies, the board may delegate to officers, employees or committees comprised of officers, employees, or board members, the authority to approve loans and investments. The board may retain authority to approve or ratify types or classes of loans or invest-