

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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AS PASSED AT THE
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1985

a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

Effective July 16, 1986.

CHAPTER 686

H.P. 1644 - L.D. 2318

AN ACT to Require Emergency Vehicles to Stop and Proceed with Caution when Overtaking and Passing School Buses.

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

Whereas, it is imperative to establish clear guidelines for authorized emergency vehicles to follow; and

Whereas, it is necessary to establish these clear guidelines while this school year is still active; and

Whereas, it is essential to give school bus operators clearer direction about dealing with authorized emergency vehicles which need to proceed quickly; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA §946-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 88, §2, is amended to read:

2. Parking; proceeding past stop sign; stopped school bus; exceeding speed limit. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may:

A. Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter;

B. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;

C. Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as he does not endanger life or property; and

D. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions; and

E. Proceed with caution past a school bus which is stopped and which has red lights flashing only:

(1) After coming to a complete stop; and

(2) When signaled by the school bus operator to proceed.

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

Effective April 15, 1986.

CHAPTER 687

H.P. 1645 - L.D. 2319

AN ACT Relating to Driver Education for the
Handicapped and Already Licensed
Individuals.

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

32 MRSA §9602, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §113, is amended to read:

3. Training vehicles. Every vehicle used as a training vehicle shall be maintained in safe mechanical condition at all times. Each Class 3 vehicle, as defined in Title 29, section 530, shall be equipped with dual foot brakes and, if the vehicle is not equipped with an automatic transmission, dual clutch pedals. While engaged in actual instruction, every vehicle must be equipped with an identification sign, listing the name of the school, and a student driver sign.