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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**2001**

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2071, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 371, §2, is further amended to read:

**5. Hand signals.** Signals by hand and arm must be given by the left arm from the left side of a vehicle in the following manner:

- A. To indicate a left turn, the hand and arm must be extended horizontally;
- B. To indicate a right turn, the hand and arm must be extended upward, except that a person who is operating a bicycle is not in violation of this subsection if the person signals a right turn by extending the person's right hand and arm horizontally; and
- C. To indicate a stop or a decrease in speed, the hand and arm must be extended downward.

A person operating a bicycle may return the hand used to signal a turn to the handlebars during the turn to maintain proper control of the bicycle.

**Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §2084, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**1. Night equipment.** A bicycle, motorized bicycle or tricycle, when in use in the nighttime ~~or at other times when motor vehicles are required to display headlights,~~ must have:

- A. Lighted a front light that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 200 feet to the front;
- B. A red ~~or amber light or~~ reflector to the rear that is visible at least 200 feet to the rear; and
- C. Reflector ~~strips material~~ on the pedals ~~and handlebars~~.

A bicyclist must have reflector material on the foot or ankle. A bicyclist may also use optional supplementary reflectors, lights or reflective or lighted safety equipment.

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**CHAPTER 149**

**S.P. 56 - L.D. 220**

**An Act to Establish a Light Trailer Transporter Plate and License**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §462, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**8. Trailer transit plate.** A business that delivers or services mobile homes, leases or transports storage trailers or transports light trailers may apply for a trailer transit license and plate. The transit plate may not be loaned, used in place of registration plates on another vehicle, used for personal reasons or used on the towing vehicle. Issuance of a trailer transit license and plate does not exempt the holder from compliance with any state law or municipal ordinance governing the movement of mobile homes, storage trailers or light trailers over the highways of this State and does not exempt the holder from required permits or certificates prior to moving the vehicles. Trailer transit plates issued pursuant to this subsection may only be used subject to the following conditions.

A. A storage trailer must be empty during transportation.

B. A light trailer may be transported with a load appropriate for the light trailer, provided that the load is owned by or in the custody of the transporting business.

C. A light trailer may be transported with a trailer transit plate only if the business owner or an employee of the business accompanies the vehicle transporting the light trailer.

Fees for trailer transit licenses and plates are established in section 852. Trailer transit licenses are exempt from section 951, subsection 6.

For purposes of this subsection, "business" means a corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship or other commercial entity.

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**CHAPTER 150**

**S.P. 100 - L.D. 326**

**An Act to Eliminate the 3 Advisory Members of the Somerset County Budget Committee**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §896, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 582, §1, is amended to read:

The budget committee consists of 9 voting members ~~and 3 nonvoting members~~ selected as follows.