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## ACTIVITY SHEET

COMMITTEE: Transportation

LD #: # 39

TITLE An Act to Amend the Definition  
of Authorized Emergency Vehicle.

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HEARING DATE: February 3, 2005

WORK SESSION DATES: Feb. 11, 2005

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REPORTED OUT DATE: Feb. 18, 2005

COMMITTEE REPORT: OTP as amended

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 39**

S.P. 19

In Senate, January 11, 2005

### **An Act To Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery and  
Senator: NASS of York, Representatives: BIERMAN of Sorrento, CAMPBELL of Newfield,  
CLOUGH of Scarborough, COLLINS of Wells, FLETCHER of Winslow, NASS of Acton.

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 451, Pt. T, §14, is further amended to read:

B. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any one of the following vehicles:

(1) An ambulance;

(2) A Baxter State Park Authority vehicle operated by a Baxter State Park ranger;

(3) A Bureau of Marine Patrol vehicle operated by a coastal warden;

(4) A Department of Conservation vehicle operated by a forest ranger;

(5) A Department of Conservation vehicle used for forest fire control;

(6) A Department of Corrections vehicle used for responding to the escape of or performing the high-security transfer of a prisoner, juvenile client or juvenile detainee;

(7) A Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife vehicle operated by a warden;

(8) A Department of Public Safety vehicle operated by a capital security officer appointed pursuant to Title 25, section 2908, a state fire investigator or a Maine Drug Enforcement Agency officer;

(9) An emergency medical service vehicle;

(10) A fire department vehicle;

(11) A hazardous material response vehicle, including a vehicle designed to respond to a weapon of mass destruction;

(12) A railroad police vehicle;

(13) A sheriff's department vehicle;

(14) A State Police or municipal police department vehicle;

2 (15) A vehicle operated by a chief of police, a  
sheriff or a deputy sheriff when authorized by the  
sheriff;

4 (16) A vehicle operated by a municipal fire inspector,  
6 a municipal fire chief, an assistant or deputy chief or  
a town forest fire warden;

8 (17) A vehicle operated by a qualified deputy sheriff  
10 or other qualified individual to perform court  
security-related functions and services as authorized  
12 by the State Court Administrator pursuant to Title 4,  
section 17, subsection 15; ~~or~~

14 (18) A Federal Government vehicle operated by a  
16 federal law enforcement officer, ; and

18 (19) A vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief,  
20 deputy chief or assistant chief.

## 22 SUMMARY

24 This bill amends the definition of "authorized emergency  
vehicle" to include a vehicle operated by a municipal rescue  
26 chief, deputy chief or assistant chief.

STATE OF MAINE  
122ND LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE NOTICES

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Sen. Dennis Damon, Senate Chair  
Rep. Boyd P. Marley, House Chair

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, February 3, 2005, 1:00 pm, Room 126 State House

- (L.D. 36) Bill "An Act To Promote Access to Transportation for Seniors" (S.P.0016) (Presented by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT II of Cumberland, Senator DAMON of Hancock, Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representative DUDLEY of Portland, Representative ADAMS of Portland, Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, Representative FISHER of Brewer)
- (L.D. 38) Bill "An Act To Enhance Highway Safety" (S.P.0018) (Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative BIERMAN of Sorrento, Representative CAMPBELL, SR. of Newfield, Representative DUPREY of Hampden, Representative WHEELER, SR. of Kittery)
- (L.D. 39) Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle" (S.P.0019) (Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York, Representative WHEELER, SR. of Kittery, Representative BIERMAN of Sorrento, Representative CAMPBELL, SR. of Newfield, Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough, Representative COLLINS of Wells, Representative FLETCHER of Winslow, Representative NASS of Acton)
- (L.D. 79) Bill "An Act To Allow the Issuance of Vanity Plates for Buses" (S.P.0022) (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough)
- (L.D. 88) Bill "An Act To Eliminate Automobile Inspection Requirements" (S.P.0030) (Presented by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin)
- (L.D. 71) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Nitrous Oxide Systems" (H.P.0067) (Presented by Representative MCKENNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox, Representative COLLINS of Wells)

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# TESTIMONY SIGN IN SHEET

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

DATE: February 3, 2005

L.D.# or CONFIRMATION: # 39

| NAME             | TOWN/AFFILIATION | PROPONENT | OPPONENT | NEITHER |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1. Jason Cole    | Lebanon Ems      | ✓         |          |         |
| 2. John Dorinsky | Winthrop EMS     | ✓         |          |         |
| 3. Kate Dufour   | MMA              | ✓         |          |         |
| 4. Jay C. B. T.  | DOE              |           |          | ✓       |
| 5. Kristin Gies  | BMV              |           |          |         |
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# Lebanon Rescue Squad

Samantha J. Cole, Rescue Chief – 323 Depot Road, Lebanon, Maine 04027 (207) 457-9269

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To: Maine Transportation Committee  
Date: Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

Honorable Members of the Transportation Committee:

It is with regret that I cannot attend today's public hearing on this very important legislation. I tried to find coverage for my full time job as a firefighter-paramedic, but due to vacations and sick leave, I could not cover it. I have sent our Assistant Chief, who has helped with this project.

This legislation, sponsored by the Honorable Jon Courtney and several other Senator's and Legislatures, relates to the safety of our public safety chiefs. While I don't know the exact figure, the national trend shows EMS calls to fire calls average about 2.5 EMS Calls to every 1 fire call. Our Chiefs are appointed, municipal officials, who are well trained and often are responding from their houses or place of full time employment. A large number of EMS Chief officers have "mini-ambulances" in their vehicles, like AED's, oxygen and other life-saving equipment. While fire chiefs can drive "code 3" to dumpster fires, rescue chiefs can't drive "code 3" to people having heart attacks. My town has defibrillators in the rescue officer's vehicles for easy and quick access to different parts of the community. When someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest, you have 6 minutes to offer life saving medical treatment, like defibrillation. Rescue officers are also sworn to protect their responders. While at scenes on the sides of the road, responders help treat patients, often putting themselves in danger. Often, first responders and chiefs arrive prior to the ambulance, and in some communities, are on scene for 10-20 minutes before the ambulance. By including the Chief Officers of EMS in with the fire chiefs, they would be allowed to have lights to the rear, which would warn traffic approaching from behind. Currently, fire chiefs can have lights and sirens all over their vehicles, but rescue chiefs can have 1 red light facing the front.

We have sent an email to over 180 service chiefs and chief officers. As of today, we received two emails that thought the EMS chiefs should not have lights and sirens, and that all EMS providers should go to the station, not to the scene. This is fine for towns that are small, but under FEMA and the US Fire Administration, first responders are the key to survival. Out of the 180 emails sent, we have received multiple emails, calls and visits from Chiefs in support of this legislation, from both fire and rescue chiefs. Most fire chiefs that contacted us felt it was only fair, and some even said EMS should have it before fire chiefs, because of the scope of work. Because of budgets, and other restraints, some that would like to be there on Thursday could not be there. While typing this letter, I have received two more phone calls from service chiefs and 1 assistant chief in support of this law.

As a border community to NH, we see the differences in State Law. We have started to review state laws for all states in the U.S. We have also sent requests to the Secretary of States Office for each state, trying to obtain their laws for emergency vehicles. We have found a majority of states that have replied have a provision for the rescue chief (some states refer to municipal rescue commissioner) under the emergency vehicle definitions. We have printed some states that responded to show the laws. In NH, which my town borders, volunteers are REQUIRED by law to have 360 degree lighting and siren, to protect the responders. Speaking with several Chiefs in NH, as well as a representative from NH Public Safety who all said that they knew of no complaints of the policy. NH officials felt it was a responder safety issue.



We have also contacted some EMS and Fire training institutes that focus on emergency vehicle operating training. All EMS providers are supposed to go through AVOC, and most go through EVOC as well. Our town requires both. EVOC is the same as the police officers and firefighters use for emergency vehicle operations.

As a paramedic in Rural Maine, I am often called to go to neighboring communities to provide Advanced Life Support. I would have to drive 12 miles in the wrong way to go get the ambulance to respond. Or, under the proposed law, I could drive to the scene in the neighboring community and get there in a decent time. I was called to Parsonsfield for a paramedic intercept for Newfield Rescue. Normal driving conditions, it would take about 30 minutes. I got into the car with another responder, and drove to Parsonsfield. I was amazed at the summer traffic, all of which did not move for this car with the little red light on the dash. Most probably didn't even realize we were behind them. 58 minutes later, I was there, thanks to the summer traffic. Fortunately, the ambulance had called for a paramedic when they first got the call for this serious patient. We were able to meet up on the way. The ambulances up there often have a very lengthy enroute time. If the town appointed municipal rescue chiefs were able to be classified as emergency vehicles, I am confident that more people would have heard the siren and seen a few more lights.

The law is clear. Even as an emergency vehicle, you must drive with due regard. Our members sign a form every year reminding them of the laws. I don't think if this law passes anyone is going to drive any different, it will just allow for rescue chiefs to have the same privilege as fire chiefs. Currently, the law allows fire chiefs, court security, police and others to use sirens and emergency lights, but not EMS Chiefs, who are sworn to uphold the same public safety as their teammates, the fire chiefs.

We ask for your committee's recommendation to move this legislation on with an affirmative vote.

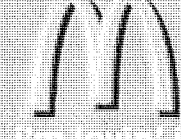
Thank you for your time,

Samantha J. Cole  
Rescue Chief, Lebanon Rescue Department

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for those concerned I wish to express my strong support for passage of the LD. The need for this bill has arisen from the changes that have occurred over the years in how EMS (Emergency Medical Services) is delivered in this State. There are now many 'third service' agencies in the State providing the primary delivery of prehospital care. In the past, most of this was handled by Fire Depts. Now there are several independent, municipal agencies in this State. My service, Alfred Rescue being one of them. I am the Assistant Chief. One of duties is to be available to respond to scenes in this community or other communities in the area to provide Advanced Life Support directly or oversee in a command function the delivery of appropriate care to any patients. Now as the law stands (29-A ss2054) Only someone affiliated with a Fire Dept may respond as an authorized Emergency Vehicle. A Rescue Chief must respond as any other car on the road to the scene of a multiple serious injury call where a Chief Fire Officer can respond in a quicker manner. This is an issue that needs to be addressed by the adoption of this amendment.

Thak You,  
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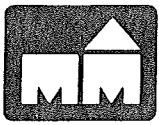
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## Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

### In Support of LD 39 An Act to Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle

February 3, 2005

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Senator Damon, Representative Marley, members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Kate Dufour and I am testifying in support of LD 39 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) and under the direction of MMA's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

It makes sense to municipal officials to define the vehicles operated by a municipal rescue chief or deputy chief as emergency vehicles. These vehicles should be equipped with the appropriate lights and sirens and the operators of the vehicles should have the right of way when responding to a call.

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Date: February 11, 2005

To: Transportation Committee

From: Nicole Dube, Legislative Analyst

### LD 39 An Act to Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle

#### SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" to include a vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief.

#### TESTIMONY

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| <b>Proponents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some EMS ambulance services do not fall under a fire department, especially in small towns.</li><li>• Issue of equity: non fire based EMS chiefs should have the same operating privileges as fire chiefs.</li><li>• Currently, there are 17 towns that have EMS services that are not under a fire department.</li></ul> | <b>Opponents:</b><br>None<br><br><b>NFNA:</b><br>None |
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#### POTENTIAL ISSUES OR TECHNICAL PROBLEMS:

Question raised as to what specific lighting would be authorized under the bill

**COMMENTS:** Current law allows members of a licensed emergency medical service with the approval of the chief official of the emergency medical service to authorize to use a flashing red light no more than 5 inches in diameter on a vehicle. The light may only be used when en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency situation. The light must be mounted above the registration plate on the front of the vehicle or on the dashboard. It does not allow the use of sirens or special privileges regarding the operation of the vehicle.

The bill as written, would allow vehicles operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief to have a siren and have special operating privileges. However, current statute can be interpreted not to grant these vehicles any additional lighting. If the committee decides it would like these vehicles to have additional lighting than what is currently allowed, Section 2054, subsection 2, paragraph F will need to be amended.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No fiscal impact

**CURRENT STATUTE:**

**§2054, sub§ 2, ¶F**

F. Only vehicles listed in this paragraph, rural mail vehicles as provided in paragraph C, subparagraph (5) and school buses may be equipped with, display or use a red auxiliary or emergency light.

(1) Emergency lights used on an ambulance, an emergency medical service vehicle, a fire department vehicle, a fire vehicle or a hazardous material response vehicle must emit a red light or a combination of red and white light.

(2) The municipal officers or a municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use a flashing red signal light not more than 5 inches in diameter on a vehicle. The light may be displayed but may be used only while the member is en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. The light must be mounted as near as practicable above the registration plate on the front of the vehicle or on the dashboard. A light mounted on the dashboard must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision.

(3) Members of an emergency medical service licensed by Maine Emergency Medical Services may display and use on a vehicle a flashing red signal light of the same proportion, in the same location and under the same conditions as those permitted municipal and volunteer firefighters, when authorized by the chief official of the emergency medical service.

**3. Sirens.** A bell or siren may not be installed or used on any vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle.

**4. Right-of-way.** An authorized emergency vehicle operated in response to, but not returning from, a call or fire alarm or operated in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law has the right-of-way when emitting a visual signal using an emergency light and an audible signal using a bell or siren. On the approach of any such vehicle, the operator of every other vehicle shall immediately draw that vehicle as near as practicable to the right-hand curb, parallel to the curb and clear of any intersection and bring it to a standstill until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed. A violation of this subsection is a Class E crime that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1301, is punishable by a minimum fine of \$250 for the first offense and for a 2nd offense occurring within 3 years of the first offense a mandatory 30-day suspension of a driver's license.

**5. Exercise of privileges.** The operator of an authorized emergency vehicle when responding to, but not upon returning from, an emergency call or fire alarm or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law may exercise the privileges set forth in this subsection. The operator of an authorized emergency vehicle may:

- A. Park or stand, notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter;
- B. Proceed past a red signal, stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as necessary for safe operation;
- C. Exceed the maximum speed limits as long as life or property is not endangered, except that capital security officers and employees of the Department of Corrections may not exercise this privilege;
- D. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions; and
- E. Proceed with caution past a stopped school bus that has red lights flashing only:
  - (1) After coming to a complete stop; and
  - (2) When signaled by the school bus operator to proceed.

Nothing in this subsection prohibits the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle from activating emergency lights for the limited purpose of warning motorists when entering or exiting structures designed to house the emergency vehicles.

**6. Emergency lights and audible signals.** The operator of an authorized emergency vehicle who is exercising the privileges granted under subsection 5 shall use an emergency light authorized by subsection 2. The operator of an authorized emergency vehicle who is exercising the privileges granted under subsection 5, paragraphs B, C, D and E shall sound a bell or siren when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other operators of the emergency vehicle's approach.

**7. Duty to drive with due regard for safety.** Subsections 4, 5 and 6 do not relieve the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor do those subsections protect the operator from the consequences of the operator's reckless disregard for the safety of others.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO LD 39 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF  
AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES

**Amend the bill by inserting after Section 1 the following:**

**Sec. 2. 29A § 2054 sub-§1- ¶J is enacted to read:**

J. "Rescue vehicle" means any vehicle listed under paragraph B, subparagraph (19).

**Further amend the bill by inserting after Section 2 the following:**

**Sec. 3. 29A § 2054 sub-§2- ¶F, sub-¶1 is amended to read:**

(1) Emergency lights used on an ambulance, an emergency medical service vehicle, a fire department vehicle, a fire vehicle, rescue vehicle or a hazardous material response vehicle must emit a red light or a combination of red and white light.

#### SUMMARY

This amendment defines a "rescue vehicle" as a vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief, or assistant chief. The amendment also allows a rescue vehicle to be equipped with a red light or combination of red and white light.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 19, L.D. 39, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶J is enacted to read:

J. "Rescue vehicle" means any vehicle listed under paragraph B, subparagraph (19).

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 2003, c. 510, Pt. C, §9 and affected by c. 599, §§12 and 13, is further amended to read:

F. Only vehicles listed in this paragraph, rural mail vehicles as provided in paragraph C, subparagraph (5) and school buses may be equipped with, display or use a red auxiliary or emergency light.

(1) Emergency lights used on an ambulance, an emergency medical service vehicle, a fire department vehicle, a fire vehicle, a rescue vehicle or a hazardous material response vehicle must emit a red light or a combination of red and white light.

(2) The municipal officers or a municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use a flashing red signal light not more than 5 inches in diameter on a vehicle. The light may be displayed but



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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 19, L.D. 39

may be used only while the member is en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. The light must be mounted as near as practicable above the registration plate on the front of the vehicle or on the dashboard. A light mounted on the dashboard must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision.

(3) Members of an emergency medical service licensed by Maine Emergency Medical Services may display and use on a vehicle a flashing red signal light of the same proportion, in the same location and under the same conditions as those permitted municipal and volunteer firefighters, when authorized by the chief official of the emergency medical service.'

SUMMARY

This amendment defines a rescue vehicle as a vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief. The amendment also allows a rescue vehicle to be equipped with a red light or a combination of red and white light.



Approved: 01/25/05 *mac*

# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 39

LR 0035(01)

**An Act To Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle**

**Fiscal Note for Original Bill**  
**Sponsor: Sen. Courtney of York**  
**Committee: Transportation**  
**Fiscal Note Required: No**

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## **Fiscal Note**

No fiscal impact.

## COMMITTEE VOTING TALLY SHEET

LD # or Confirmation: 39

Committee: TRANSPORTATION

Date: Feb 3, 2005

Motion: ought to Pass as amended

Motion by: Rep. McKenney

Seconded by: Rep Thomas

|                                     | Recommendation of those opposed to the Motion |    |       |           |          | Absent | Abstain |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
|                                     | ONTP                                          | OP | OP-AM | New draft | Re-Refer |        |         |
| Those Voting in Favor of the Motion |                                               |    |       |           |          |        |         |

### Senator

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| Dennis Damon     | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| William Diamond  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Christine Savage | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### Representative

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| Boyd Marley       | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Charles Fisher    | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ross Paradis      | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sonya Sampson     |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| George Hogan      | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Edward Mazurek    | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Terrance McKenney | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ronald Collins    |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Doug Thomas       | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# SENATE REPORT

## THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

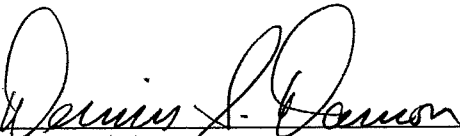
to which was referred the following:

An Act To Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle

S.P. 19

L.D. 39

has had the same under consideration, and asks leave to report that the same  
Ought to Pass as Amended

  
(Signature) Sen. Damon

of Hancock  
For the Committee

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