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In Senate, January 27, 2015

**An Act To Ensure the Safety of Stationary Public Utility Emergency
Service Vehicles**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and
Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland,
HASKELL of Cumberland, WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden,
McLEAN of Gorham, SAUCIER of Presque Isle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 348, §20, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **9. Stationary vehicles.** The operator of a vehicle passing a stationary authorized
5 emergency vehicle using an emergency light, a stationary public utility emergency
6 service vehicle using its authorized lights or a stationary wrecker using its authorized
7 lights, with due regard to the safety and traffic conditions, shall:

8 A. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, public
9 utility emergency service vehicle or wrecker, if possible; or

10 B. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, pass the emergency
11 vehicle, public utility emergency service vehicle or wrecker at a careful and prudent
12 speed reasonable for passing the authorized emergency vehicle, public utility
13 emergency service vehicle or wrecker safely.

14 A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a minimum fine of \$250
15 must be adjudged.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill adds public utility emergency service vehicles to the list of stationary
18 vehicles for which a motorist must move to a nonadjacent lane, if possible, or slow down.