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**An Act to Enhance Safety for Unregistered Farm Tractors and
Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


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Clerk

Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and
Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1909-C**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 170, §2, is amended to
3 read:

4 **§1909-C. Animal-drawn vehicles**

5 An animal-drawn vehicle operated on a public way ~~during nighttime~~ must be equipped
6 with the following:

7 **1. Light.** ~~An~~ During nighttime, an oil lantern or electric lights attached to the left side
8 of the vehicle that displays a red light toward the rear of the vehicle and a white light toward
9 the front of the vehicle; ~~and~~

10 **2. Reflective tape.** ~~Grade~~ During nighttime, grade DOT-C2 white reflective tape as
11 described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.108, in effect on March 26, 2019,
12 applied to the vehicle as follows:

13 A. Seventy-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear frame
14 of the vehicle;

15 B. Thirty-six inches of reflective tape on each side of the vehicle, applied in segments
16 that outline the frame on each side with at least 2 segments applied to the upper borders;
17 and

18 C. Forty-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front frame
19 of the vehicle; ~~;~~ and

20 **3. Slow moving vehicle emblem.** At all times, a slow moving vehicle emblem on the
21 rear of the vehicle.

22 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1909-D** is enacted to read:

23 **§1909-D. Slow moving vehicle emblem for unregistered farm tractors**

24 An unregistered farm tractor operated on a public way must be equipped with a slow
25 moving vehicle emblem.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill requires an animal-drawn vehicle and an unregistered farm tractor operated
28 on a public way to be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem.