

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

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H.P. 1381 - L.D. 2068

An Act to Bring the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for Trucks and Truck Tractors into Alignment with the Federal Motor Carrier Laws

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1952, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §25 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

1. ~~Carry flares~~ **Flares or bidirectional emergency reflective triangles.** Except as provided in subsection 1-A, a truck or truck tractor with a registration for operation with gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds must be equipped with ~~2 red flags~~, 3 flares ~~and or 3 red lanterns or red emergency reflectors~~ bidirectional emergency reflective triangles.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1952, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. **Disabled vehicle.** When a truck or truck tractor with a registration for operation with gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds is disabled on a public way, the operator shall, ~~during the time that lights are required to be illuminated~~, place emergency signals as follows:

A. One flare or ~~lantern or red emergency reflector~~ bidirectional emergency reflective triangle in the center of the lane of traffic occupied by the disabled motor vehicle not less than 100 feet from the vehicle in the direction of traffic approaching in that lane;

B. One flare or ~~lantern or red emergency reflector~~ bidirectional emergency reflective triangle not less than 100 feet from the vehicle in the center of the same lane in the opposite direction; and

C. One flare or ~~lantern or red emergency reflector~~ bidirectional emergency reflective triangle at the traffic side of the vehicle not closer than 10 feet from the front or rear.

~~When lights are not required to be illuminated, red flags must be used, except that no flag is required to be placed at the side of the vehicle.~~

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1952, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §§25 and 26 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

As used in this section, "bidirectional emergency reflective triangle" means an emergency warning device that meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.125.