An Act Regarding Passing Stationary Motor Vehicles on Public Ways

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2070, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Passing stationary vehicles. The operator of a vehicle passing a stationary vehicle that a reasonable person would conclude is disabled or that is using flashing lights to warn other operators of the vehicle's presence, with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, shall:

A. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the stationary vehicle, if possible; or

B. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, pass the stationary vehicle at a careful and prudent speed reasonable for passing the vehicle safely.

Violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than $275 must be adjudged.