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## **Proposed Amendment to LD 73**

Offered by Sponsor – Rep. McCreight

### **LD 73 - An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Allow Harbor Masters and Deputy Harbor Masters To Use Red and White Auxiliary Lights and Sirens When Responding to Emergencies**

#### **Amend the title to read:**

An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Allow Harbor Masters and Deputy Harbor Masters To Use ~~Red and or Combination Red and White~~ Auxiliary Lights ~~and Sirens~~ When Responding to Watercraft Emergencies

**Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:**

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 21, §2, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) A municipality may authorize a harbor master or deputy harbor master appointed under Title 38, section 1 or 2, respectively, to use one red or combination red and white flashing auxiliary light mounted in the windshield or on the dashboard at the front of the vehicle or 2 flashing red or combination red and white auxiliary lights mounted on the front of the vehicle above the front bumper and below the hood and one red auxiliary light mounted in the rear window area. The light or lights may be displayed but may be used only while responding to a watercraft emergency. A light mounted on the dashboard or in the windshield must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision. The use of lights may be revoked at any time by the municipality.

#### **SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the title of the bill, removes the authorization for a vehicle operated by a harbor master or deputy harbor master to use a siren and the language exempting such vehicles from the siren use prohibition, further specifies the type of lights that may be used and the locations where the lights may be placed, and includes explicit language stating that the municipality may revoke the authorization to use the lights at any time.