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An Act To Enhance Highway Safety by Strengthening the So-called Move Over Law

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2015, c. 32, §4, is further amended to read:

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

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

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

A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a minimum fine of ~~\$250~~\$350 must be adjudged.

SUMMARY

This bill increases from \$250 to \$350 the minimum fine for passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using an emergency light or a stationary public service vehicle using its authorized lights and failing to pass in a lane that is not adjacent to the stationary vehicle or, if passing in a nonadjacent lane would be impossible or unsafe, failing to pass at a careful and prudent speed.