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An Act To Require Pedestrians To Wear Reflective Clothing on Public Ways after Sunset

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway. (BY REQUEST)

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

- **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2056, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 91, §1, is further amended to read:
- 2. Pedestrian on way. Where sidewalks are not provided, a pedestrian shall walk facing approaching traffic on the left side of the public way or the way's shoulder when practicable. After sunset and until sunrise, a pedestrian walking on a public way shall wear reflective clothing or a reflective device that is visible at least 200 feet from the front. An operator of a motor vehicle who is passing a pedestrian on a public way or the way's shoulder shall exercise due care by leaving a distance between the motor vehicle and the pedestrian of not less than 3 feet while the motor vehicle is passing the pedestrian. A motor vehicle operator may pass a pedestrian in a no-passing zone only when it is safe to do so.

13 SUMMARY

 This bill requires a pedestrian walking on a public way after sunset and before sunrise to wear reflective clothing or a reflective device that is visible at least 200 feet from the front.