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An Act to Require Manure Bags for Horse-drawn Vehicles

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle and
Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort
Fairfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1909-C**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 170, §2, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1909-D** is enacted to read:

4 **§1909-D. Animal-drawn vehicles**

5 This section governs the required equipment for certain animal-drawn vehicles
6 operated on a public way.

7 **1. Nighttime equipment.** An animal-drawn vehicle operated on a public way during
8 nighttime must be equipped with the following:

9 A. An oil lantern or electric lights attached to the left side of the vehicle that displays
10 a red light toward the rear of the vehicle and a white light toward the front of the
11 vehicle; and

12 B. Grade DOT-C2 white reflective tape as described in 49 Code of Federal
13 Regulations, Section 571.108, in effect on March 26, 2019, applied to the vehicle as
14 follows:

15 (1) Seventy-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear
16 frame of the vehicle;

17 (2) Thirty-six inches of reflective tape on each side of the vehicle, applied in
18 segments that outline the frame on each side with at least 2 segments applied to the
19 upper borders of the frame; and

20 (3) Forty-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front
21 frame of the vehicle.

22 **2. Manure bags.** A horse-drawn vehicle operated on a public way must be equipped
23 with manure bags of sufficient capacity to hold the amount of manure produced by each
24 horse in one day. The operator of a horse-drawn vehicle may not empty a manure bag at a
25 location other than the location where the horse is stabled.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill requires a horse-drawn vehicle operated on a public way to be equipped with
28 manure bags of sufficient capacity to hold the amount of manure produced by each horse
29 in one day. It prohibits the operator of a horse-drawn vehicle from emptying a manure bag
30 at a location other than the location where the horse is stabled.