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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 136, L.D. 458, Bill, “An Act To Require Motorists To Yield to Transit Buses”

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

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2053, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Yield to transit buses. An operator of a vehicle on a public way that has a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less shall yield the right-of-way to a transit bus traveling in the same direction as the vehicle if:

A. The transit bus is equipped with a yield sign on the left side of the rear of the transit bus that illuminates to signal the transit bus is reentering the traffic flow; and

B. The driver of the transit bus has illuminated the yield sign and has activated a turn signal to reenter the traffic flow from a bus stop or shoulder on a roadway.

For purposes of this subsection, "transit bus" means a bus operated or contracted by the State, a municipality or other political subdivision for the purpose of transporting members of the public from one destination to another but does not include a school bus.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment requires that the operator of a vehicle on a public way that has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less must yield the right-of-way to a transit bus that has an illuminated yield sign on the left

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1 side of the rear of the bus and the bus driver has activated a turn signal to reenter the
2 traffic flow from a bus stop or shoulder on the roadway. The amendment also clarifies the
3 definition of "transit bus."

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)