

STATE OF MAINE

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An Act To Amend Maine's Motor Vehicle Statutes

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §558-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 530, §4, is amended to read:

A. A person may not violate any provision of the rules of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police adopted under section 555 that incorporates by reference any of the following federal regulations or that is an amended version of any of the following federal regulations:

- (1) 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 390.21 (2007);
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, paragraph C, 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 391.41 (2007);
- (3) 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 392.16, 392.22, 392.24, 392.25, 392.33 ~~and~~ 392.71, 392.80 and 392.82 (2007);
- (4) Any section of 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 393 (2007); ~~or~~
(4-A) 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 395.3(a)(3)(ii), 395.8(d) and 395.8(i) (2014); or
- (5) 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 396, except Sections 396.7 and 396.9 (2007).

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1905-B is enacted to read:

§1905-B. Brake lights

1. Requirement. All factory-installed brake lights or equivalent replacements on a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer must be present and operating properly and must emit a steady red light when a slight pressure is placed on the brake pedal, and the light emitted must be visible for a distance of at least 100 feet behind the vehicle. For purposes of this section, "steady red light" means a red light that is either immediately constant and not pulsating or that pulsates for a short period and then becomes constant.

2. Vehicles used in conjunction. When a vehicle is used in conjunction with another vehicle, only the last vehicle must carry the lights required in subsection 1.

3. Exception for farm tractors. This section does not apply to unregistered farm tractors.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1921, as amended by PL 1995, c. 584, Pt. B, §7, is further amended to read:

§1921. Viewing of visual content restricted in vehicles

A person may not operate a motor vehicle ~~equipped with~~ in which there is a television viewer, screen or other means of visually video device, other than an allowable device, that is receiving a television broadcast that is or showing video content visible to the operator. ~~This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer using a video camera or other video equipment for law enforcement purposes.~~ For the purposes of this section, "video content" includes, but is not limited to, television broadcasts, recorded video and video streamed through electronic or other means. For purposes of this section, "allowable device" means:

1. Global positioning, navigation or mapping system. A device displaying video content for the purpose of a global positioning, navigation or mapping system;

2. Closed-circuit video monitor. A closed-circuit video monitor that is used to assist the operator while backing up or parking;

3. Device when vehicle is stationary. A device that is capable of operation only when the vehicle is stationary and is automatically disabled whenever the wheels of the vehicle are in motion;

4. Device to enhance operator's view. A device that is used to enhance or supplement the operator's view of the roadway or to assist the operator in object detection; and

5. Part of vehicle's instrumentation. A video display unit that is part of the vehicle's instrumentation or is used for the purpose of vehicle control.

This section does not apply to the use of a video device in the performance of official duties by a law enforcement officer or the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in section 2054.

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2061, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 183, §10, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibition. A person commits a traffic infraction if that person occupies a camp trailer, mobile home, ~~vehicle being towed by a wrecker or by a motor vehicle using a tow bar~~, semitrailer or trailer while it is being moved on a public way.

Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §2104, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Permitting display of false registration validation device. A person commits a Class E crime if that person permits to be attached or displayed on a vehicle registration plate a registration validation device issued for another vehicle.