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An Act To Protect Schoolchildren by Increasing the Penalty for Unlawful Passing of a School Bus

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, MOORE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, PRESCOTT of Waterboro.

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

- **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2308, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
- **6. Penalty.** A Except for subsection 2, a violation of this section is a Class E crime, which, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1301, is punishable by a \$250 minimum fine for the first offense and a mandatory 30-day suspension of a driver's license for a 2nd offense occurring within 3 years of the first offense. A violation of subsection 2 is a Class E crime, which, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1301, is punishable by a \$500 minimum fine for the first offense and a mandatory 60-day suspension of a driver's license for a 2nd offense occurring within 3 years of the first offense.

11 SUMMARY

This bill increases the penalty for overtaking a school bus when the bus has stopped with its red lights flashing from a \$250 minimum fine to a \$500 minimum fine for the first offense and increases the driver's license suspension from 30 days to 60 days for a 2nd offense.