

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

H.P. 1068 - L.D. 1454

**An Act To Allow Police Officers To Operate Mobile Command Units without
a Special License**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1252, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2007, c. 383, §20, is further amended to read:

C. A Class C license may be issued for the operation of a single vehicle or a combination of vehicles that does not meet the definition of Class A or Class B license.

A holder of a Class C license may, with an appropriate endorsement, operate all vehicles in that class.

A Class C license authorizes:

- (1) A full-time or volunteer member of an organized municipal, state or federal fire department and a law enforcement officer who is a member of an organized municipal, state or federal law enforcement department to operate fire apparatus as described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.3 (2005) and to operate a commercial motor vehicle as a mobile command unit. For purposes of this subparagraph, "mobile command unit" means a motor vehicle designed and used by a law enforcement agency primarily as a command and control platform for emergency response;
- (2) A person to operate recreational vehicles for personal use;
- (3) A person to operate commercial motor vehicles for military purposes as required in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.3 (2005);
- (4) A person to operate registered farm motor trucks bearing the letter "F" on the registration plate when the vehicle is:
 - (a) Controlled and operated by a farmer, including operation by the farmer's employees or family members;
 - (b) Used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery or farm supplies to or from a farm;

- (c) Not used in the operation of a common or contract motor carrier; and
 - (d) Used within 150 miles of the registered owner's farm;
- (5) A person, employed by a city, town, county, district or other unit of local government created by or pursuant to law that has a total population of 3,000 individuals or less, to operate a commercial motor vehicle within the boundaries of that unit of local government for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing, sanding or salting, if:
- (a) The properly licensed employee who ordinarily operates a commercial motor vehicle for those purposes is unable to operate the vehicle; or
 - (b) The employing governmental entity determines that a snow or ice emergency exists that requires additional assistance; or
- (6) A person to operate a truck registered as an antique automobile, regardless of weight or combination weight, provided the vehicle is used for noncommercial recreational purposes or purposes pursuant to section 101, subsection 3.

In House of Representatives, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2011

..... Governor