

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

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S.P. 198 - L.D. 529

**An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Motor Vehicles at Railroad  
Crossings**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2076, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Warning devices.** ~~When a crossing is protected by gates that are lowered or being lowered, or a flagger or automatic signal is indicating that a train is approaching, an operator shall bring a vehicle to a full stop at a distance of not less than 10 feet from the nearest rail of the crossing. An operator of a motor vehicle approaching a railroad crossing shall do so in a manner so that the operator will be able to stop if necessary. The operator shall stop the vehicle not less than 15 feet and not more than 50 feet from the nearest rail of the railroad track and may not proceed if:~~

- A. A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device warns of the approach of a train;
- B. A crossing gate is lowered or a flagger gives or continues to give a signal or warning of the approach or passage of a train;
- C. A train is visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing; or
- D. A sign, device or law requires the vehicle to stop.

A vehicle may proceed across the track when the gates have been raised, the flagger indicates that no train is approaching, or, if there is an ~~automatic~~ electric or mechanical signal device, the operator has ascertained that no train is approaching. An operator proceeding by an ~~automatic~~ electric or mechanical signal device shall use extra caution.