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An Act To Require Motorists To Move to a Nonadjacent Lane or Slow Down for Certain Stationary Vehicles

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2007, c. 348, §20, is further amended to read:
4 5 6 7	9. Stationary vehicles. The operator of a vehicle passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using an emergency light or a stationary <u>public utility emergency service vehicle</u> , <u>refuse</u> , <u>garbage or trash business vehicle or wrecker using its authorized lights</u> , with due regard to the safety and traffic conditions, shall:
8 9 10	A. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, <u>public</u> <u>utility emergency service vehicle</u> , <u>refuse</u> , <u>garbage or trash business vehicle</u> or wrecker, if possible; or
11 12 13 14	B. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, pass the <u>authorized</u> emergency vehicle, <u>public utility emergency service vehicle</u> , <u>refuse</u> , <u>garbage or trash business vehicle</u> or wrecker at a careful and prudent speed reasonable for passing the <u>authorized emergency</u> vehicle or wrecker safely.
15 16	A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a minimum fine of \$250 must be adjudged.
17	SUMMARY
18 19 20	This bill adds public utility emergency service vehicles and refuse, garbage and trash business vehicles to the list of stationary vehicles for which a motorist must move to a nonadjacent lane or, if moving to a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, slow down.