

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 323

In Senate, February 23, 1971

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator MacLeod of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Manufacturer's Warranty Concerning Ability of  
Passenger Motor Vehicles to Sustain Shock.**

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1363-A, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1363-A to read as follows:

§ 1363-A. Definitions; warranty on sale and manufacture of automobiles; energy absorption system

For the purposes of this section, the term "private passenger automobile" shall mean a 4-wheeled motor vehicle designed principally for carrying passengers not for hire, for use on public roads and highways, and not designed for use principally as a dwelling or for camping.

Every private passenger automobile manufactured on and after January 1, 1973, sold and licensed in the State of Maine, shall be sold subject to the manufacturer's warranty that it is equipped with an appropriate energy absorption system and that, without compromising existing standards of passenger safety, it can be driven, both front and rear, directly into a standard Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE J-850) test barrier at a speed of 5 miles per hour without sustaining any damage to the automobile.

Every private passenger automobile manufactured on and after January 1, 1975, sold and licensed in the State of Maine, shall be sold subject to the manufacturer's warranty that it is equipped with an appropriate energy absorption system and that, without compromising existing standards of passenger safety, it can be driven, both front and rear, directly into a standard

**Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE J-850) test barrier at a speed of 10 miles per hour without sustaining any damage to the automobile.**

**The warranty provisions of this section shall not be applicable with respect to any private passenger automobile as to which the manufacturer files a written certification under oath with the Secretary of State, on a form to be prescribed by him, that the particular make and model described therein complies with the applicable standards of this chapter.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to provide that bumpers on passenger motor vehicles will protect motor vehicles and the passengers within them.