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No. 207

S. P. 113

In Senate, January 30, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Devoe of Penobscot.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to use a Modified Procedure in Uncontested Cases Relating to the Assignment and Transfer of Special or Charter Bus Licenses.

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

35 MRSA § 1643, 3rd, 4th and 5th sentences are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

No application for a license shall be granted by the commission until after a hearing, except that the commission need not require a hearing on any application if, within 15 days of giving notice as provided herein, the commission receives no objection to granting the license. The commission shall give notice of all applications for licenses, in such manner and to such persons, firms, corporations, governmental agencies and carriers as it deems necessary. When a hearing is required by this section or when the commission in its discretion deems it necessary, notice of the hearing, in such manner as the commission may deem necessary, shall be given by the commission at least 7 days prior to the hearing to such persons, firms, corporations, governmental agencies and carriers as the commission shall deem necessary. A license shall be issued to any qualified applicant therefor, authorizing the whole or any part of the operations covered by the application, if it is found that the applicant is fit, willing and able to perform

the service proposed and to conform to the applicable provisions of law and the requirements, rules and regulations of the commission, and that the proposed service, to the extent to be authorized by the license, is or will be consistent with the public interest and the policy described in section 1641; otherwise the application shall be denied.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to enable the Public Utilities Commission to process without hearing uncontested cases involving the assignment and transfer of special and charter bus licenses.