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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 592

H. P. 526 House of Representatives, February 3, 1981 Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Boisvert of Lewiston.

Cosponsor: Representative Bordeaux of Mount Desert.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Action by the Public Utilities Commission on Applications by Motor Common Carriers of Freight for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity.

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

35 MRSA § 1552, first ¶, 11th sentence, is amended to read:

In determining whether or not such a certificate shall be granted, the commission shall take into consideration the existing rail and motor common carrier transportation facilities and the effect upon them, the public need for the service the applicant proposes to render, the ability of the applicant efficiently to perform the service for which authority is requested, conditions of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow the commission to consider the effect of a new application for a certificate of convenience and necessity on only existing rail and motor common carrier operations. Under existing law, the commission is required to give some consideration to the effect on all existing carrier operations, including contract carriers.