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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives REEVES of Pittston, MURPHY
of Kennebunk and Senator KERRY of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Promote Public Safety in Maine
2 Through the Greater Use of Seat Belts.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §583, as amended by PL 1985, c.
7 797, §64, is further amended by adding at the end 2
8 new paragraphs to read:

9 It shall be unlawful for any driver or passenger
10 to operate or ride in an approved vehicle while it is
11 being operated for the purpose of driver education,
12 unless those persons are wearing seat belts which are
13 properly adjusted and fastened.

14 Instructors who are certified to teach driver ed-
15 ucation courses, both in secondary schools and com-

1 mercial driver academies, are responsible for insur-
2 ing that seat belts are worn by all persons in the
3 vehicle. Failure to comply with this provision con-
4 stitutes a safety violation. The penalty for violat-
5 ing this provision shall result in a 15-day suspen-
6 sion of the driver education teacher's certification
7 to act as a qualified instructor.

8 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1368-A, as enacted by PL 1965,
9 c. 202, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in
10 its place:

11 §1368-A. Safety seat belts

12 1. Automobiles. It is unlawful for any person
13 to buy, sell, lease, trade or transfer from or to
14 Maine residents an automobile with a model year youn-
15 ger than 1969, unless that vehicle is equipped with
16 safety belts in the front seat and in the back seat,
17 if the automobile is designed to provide passenger
18 space in a back seat.

19 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §§1368-C and 1368-D are enacted
20 to read:

21 §1368-C. Mandatory use of safety belts for all per-
22 sons under the age of 18 years in motor ve-
23 hicles

24 1. Requirements for persons under 18 years of
25 age to wear seat belts. All persons under the age of
26 18 years but who are over the age of 4 years and who
27 are passengers in a motor vehicle operated on a Maine
28 highway shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened
29 seat belt.

30 2. Driver responsible. The authorized driver of
31 the motor vehicle is responsible for insuring that
32 all passengers under the age of 18 years but who are
33 over the age of 4 years are wearing a properly ad-
34 justed and fastened seat belt.

35 3. Exemptions. This section does not apply to
36 passengers of motor vehicles in Maine under the fol-
37 lowing conditions:

