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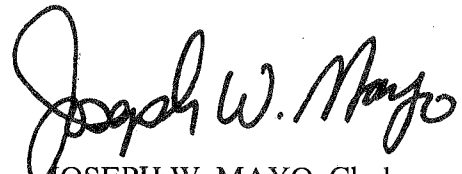
No. 1401

H.P. 1009

House of Representatives, March 11, 1997

An Act to Impose Penalties on Adult Passengers in Motor Vehicles Who Fail to Use Seat Belts.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, TAYLOR of Cumberland, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, VIGUE of Winslow.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 597, §2, is further amended to read:

3-A. Other passengers; operators. When a person 19 years of age or older is a passenger in a vehicle that is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with seat belts, the operator must have the person properly secured in a seat belt and the passenger must use the seat belt. The operator of a vehicle that is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with seat belts must be secured in the operator's seat belt.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶D, as amended by PL 1995, c. 597, §3, is further amended to read:

D. A violation of subsection 3 or 3-A is a traffic infraction. If a passenger 19 years of age or older does not use a seat belt, both the driver and the passenger violate subsection 3-A. The fine for a violation of subsection 3 or 3-A may not be less than \$25 nor more than \$50.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that if a passenger 19 years of age or older does not wear a seat belt, both the driver and the passenger commit a traffic infraction.