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An Act Concerning Maine's Highway Safety Laws

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4208, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 616, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 The Department of Public Safety is authorized to conduct defensive driving courses
5 for the purpose of promoting highway safety and to charge a registration fee of ~~\$20~~ \$35
6 to participants in the defensive driving courses conducted under the auspices of the
7 department. The fee ~~shall~~ must be used to cover the cost of conducting the courses. Any
8 balances remaining at the end of the fiscal year ~~shall~~ may not lapse but ~~shall~~ must be
9 carried forward to be used for the purposes stated in this section.

10 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 380, §3 and
11 affected by §5, is further amended to read:

12 B. The operator shall ensure that a child who is less than 18 years of age and at
13 least 8 years of age or who is less than 18 years of age and more than 4 feet, ~~7~~ 9
14 inches in height is properly secured in a seat belt.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill increases the registration fee for participation in defensive driving courses.
17 The bill also increases the minimum height requirement a person less than 18 years of age
18 must meet to use a seat belt instead of a child restraint system; this change makes Maine
19 law consistent with federal requirements.