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CHAPTER 191

H.P. 626 - L.D. 895

AN ACT Concerning Private School Activity Buses.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §2011, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1975, c. 695, is further amended to read:

2. School bus. The term "school bus" shall include every motor vehicle with a carrying capacity of 10 or more passengers, whether publicly or privately owned, which is used to transport school children to and from school or to and from school activities for which such transportation is approved by the appropriate school authorities, and to and from municipally operated activities or activities of a nonprofit corporation or association for which such transportation is approved by the appropriate school authorities. This definition shall not include private motor vehicles used to transport members of the owner's household, nor shall it include vehicles described in subsection 3.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2011, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Private school activity bus. The term "private school activity bus" means a privately-owned motor vehicle with a carrying capacity of 10 to 15 passengers, which is not paid for in part or in whole with public funds and which is used by a private school, as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 22, to transport its students other than to and from home and school.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §2013, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1983, c. 677, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Requirements. No person shall operate a school bus or a private school activity bus in the actual conveyance of school children until he shall have complied with the following requirements:

A. Hold a valid Maine operator's license for operation of the class vehicle to be operated and have at least one year's experience as a licensed motor vehicle operator in this or some other state;

- B. Must be at least 18 years of age and has held an operator's license for at least one year;
- C. Meet all special physical, mental and moral requirements established by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services and must pass an annual physical examination, with the cost of such examination being borne by the employer;
- D. Be qualified as a driver under the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations of the Federal Highway Administration, if he or his employer is subject to those regulations;
- E. Must pass an examination as the Secretary of State shall prescribe to determine his ability to operate the specific vehicle which will be driven as a school bus or any comparable type vehicle. A fee of \$8 shall accompany the initial application for the examination. The fee for subsequent examinations shall be \$5-; and
- F. Shall not be a habitual offender, as defined in section 2292.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 192

H.P. 842 - L.D. 1192

AN ACT Requiring Impartial Summaries of Charter Amendments.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §1914, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 563, is amended to read:

Where the municipal officers, with the advice of an attorney, determine that it is not practical to print the proposed amendment on the ballot and that a summary would not misrepresent the subject matter of the proposed amendment, the municipal officers shall include in the order a summary of the proposed amendment, prepared subject to the requirements of section 1915, subsection 3, paragraph B, subparagraph (1), and instruction to the clerk to include on the ballot the summary in lieu of the text of the proposed amendment.