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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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ENERGY CRISIS - LIMITATIONS ON LEASE AND PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is faced with severe petroleum and energy shortages for a period of undetermined length,

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, it is incumbent on all public officials to take all appropriate measures in the utilization of all resources to reduce the impact of this crisis and conserve petroleum products.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby direct all department and agency heads to abide by the following specifications when requisitioning, leasing or purchasing motor vehicles effective January 1, 1974, with the exception of public safety pursuit vehicles.

1. Special purpose vehicles and trucks will be of the minimum specifications of the class required for the performance of their assigned tasks and of a manufacture of proven economical performance.
2. Passenger vehicles will not exceed 4,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, and must be equipped with a six cylinder engine not to exceed 320 cubic inch displacement, and with a manual transmission.
3. The State of Maine Purchasing Agent shall give consideration to lower weight vehicles whenever consistent with intended use. Consideration shall also be given to vehicles with lower rated mile per gallon performance specifications. The Purchasing Agent may require documentation of usage needs from user agencies.
4. Vehicles will not be equipped with energy consuming optional equipment except for required safety features.
5. Vehicles should be of domestic manufacture whenever possible.

6. All vehicles, less special purpose requirement, will not require the utilization of high octane fuel.

It is further ordered that any exceptions to the foregoing may only be granted by the Purchasing Agent and then only after duly documented justification is furnished on an individual basis.


KENNETH M. CURTIS, GOVERNOR