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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1356

House of Representatives, January 6, 1970

Committee on State Government suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rideout of Manchester.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY

AN ACT Relating to State-Owned Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 7, repealed and replaced. Section 7 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 7. State-owned motor vehicles

The State may provide motor vehicles for the travel of state employees in a number to be determined by the Legislature. State-owned motor vehicles shall be used only in the conduct of official state business. Each state department or commission head shall promulgate written policy concerning the official use of state-owned motor vehicles, which shall include, but not be limited to, a definition of the use of state-owned motor vehicles which constitutes use in the conduct of official state business, and which distinguishes such use from private use.

Any state employee or official who uses a state-owned motor vehicle for purposes other than official use shall be liable for the actual cost of such use and in addition may be subjected to appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension from employment for not more than one week.

All state-owned vehicles, except as otherwise provided, shall display special registration plates, approved by the Secretary of State, plainly designating them as state-owned motor vehicles. They may in addition display a marker or insignia, approved by the Secretary of State, plainly designating them as state-owned. Motor vehicles used by departments, commissions or agencies charged by law with law enforcement or investigatory functions, if used for those purposes, shall not be required to display a special registration plate.

The Legislative Research Committee shall biennially study and review state motor vehicle needs and uses and shall report its findings to the Legislature. Department agency heads shall justify the purchase of motor vehicles as part of request for appropriations before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1970.