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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary Presented by Senator Harding of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Permit the Offering of Group Auto Insurance to Combinations of Persons.

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

R. S., T. 24-A, § 2172, sub-§ 1, amended. The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 2172 of Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended by section 4 of chapter 402 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No insurer or person on behalf of any insurer shall offer, make or permit any preference or distinction for purposes of any property, casualty or surety insurance coverage, **except vehicle insurance coverage**, as to form of policy, certificate, premium, rates, benefits or conditions of insurance, whether by master policy, individual policies, certificates of insurance or by any other means, based upon membership, nonmembership, or employment of any person or persons in or by any group, association, corporation, organization or other combination of persons, based upon marketing through groups, associations, corporations, organizations or other combination of persons, or based upon a group or mass merchandising program of any kind; and shall not make any such preference or distinction available in any event based upon any fictitious grouping of persons.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to allow insurers to offer group auto insurance coverage to members of associations, organizations or other groups. The purchaser of such coverage will realize a substantial savings on the premium cost of his auto insurance as compared with such cost for comparable individual coverage.