

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1356

H. P. 1035

House of Representatives, March 6, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Genest of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Hours of Work and Minimum Wages
for Taxicab Drivers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, § 594, additional. Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 594 to read as follows:

§ 594. Taxicab drivers

No person employed as the operator of a taxicab licensed by a municipality shall operate said vehicle for more than 10 hours in any 24-hour period.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 26, § 664, amended. Section 664 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

It is unlawful for any employer to employ any person as an operator of a taxicab at a rate of less than \$1.25 per hour.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to safeguard the public and taxicab drivers by limiting the number of hours they can work in any 24-hour period. Presently there is no limitation on drivers' hours. Drivers often work longer than a normal workday, resulting in their driving while fatigued, which threatens their safety and that of the motoring public.