

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 249

H. P. 204

House of Representatives, January 21, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Farnham of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Vehicle Operators Wearing a Radio Headset.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA, § 1365, is amended to read:

§ 1365. Television and radio headset excluded from vehicles

No person shall drive any motor vehicle equipped with any television viewer, screen or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast which is visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle, **nor shall any vehicle operator wear a headset, so called, or any other device designed primarily to receive the audio portion of television, radio or tape player or have such device in, on or over his ear.**

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA, § 1373, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 222, § 7, is further amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

The operator of a motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall not wear a headset, so called, or any other device designed primarily to receive a radio broadcast or the output of a tape player in, on or under protective headgear required by this section, nor shall such headgear be equipped with such a device.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to prohibit the use of audio receiving devices by a vehicle operator of a type that would interfere with the operator's ability to hear audible warnings given by other vehicle operators.