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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 193

In Senate, February 13, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Corson of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Provide for Reciprocity in Permits and Fees Issued on Motor
Vehicles for Hire under the Public Utilities Law.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Canadian authorities have imposed certain restrictions in the form of fees and permits upon Maine truckers hauling forest products to Canadian mills; and

Whereas, the amount of the fee and waiting period for obtaining such extra provisional permits is being discriminatorily imposed without consistency; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide for reciprocity under the law of this State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

35 MRSA § 1560, sub-§ 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

The exemptions provided in this subsection shall apply to any nonresident owner or operator of any motor vehicle to the extent that the State, district

or country of residence grants the same or similar privileges to residents of this State.

If a state, district or country requires a permit or charges residents of this State any fee for transportation exempted under this subsection, the commission shall require a permit and charge a fee equal to that required of Maine residents in such other jurisdiction.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The exemptions to Public Utilities authority in this section apply to residents and nonresidents. This Act would require that these privileges be reciprocal. If not, the nonresident would be required to pay in Maine what the Maine resident would be required to pay in such other jurisdiction.