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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1205

S. P. 408

In Senate, March 25, 1975

In Senate, rules suspended, read twice and passed to be engrossed on motion of Senator Katz of Kennebec without reference to committee. Ordered sent forthwith and printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning the Purchase of School Buses.

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

Whereas, there is widespread concern over the proliferation of unwise school bus purchases, contracts and leases; and

Whereas, legislation is vitally necessary at the earliest possible moment to prevent such abuse; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 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:

20 MRSA § 220, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 556, § 2, is amended by adding at the end the following:

The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall have the responsibility of approving or disapproving all school bus purchases, contracts, and leases. The school directors are authorized to procure short-term loans not to exceed 3 years for the purchase of school buses when such authorization has been approved at the annual budget meeting.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services has the responsibility for approving or disapproving school bus purchases, contracts and leases and authorizes school directors to procure short-term loans for these purchases under certain circumstances.