

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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House of Representatives, March 20, 1975

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Norris of Brewer.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT to Limit the State Agencies Which May Own Automobiles.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 7, first ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 544, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

It is the expressed policy of the Legislature that no state department or agency, board or commission, except the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Attorney General, the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, and except the Governor, shall maintain or provide passenger automobiles for the use of employees, subject to such exceptions as may be made by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration in special circumstances where there is documented evidence of extreme necessity based upon the requirements or conditions of individual state programs. A copy of all exceptions granted shall be filed with the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

The state agencies specified in the first paragraph may provide motor vehicles for the travel of their state employees in a number to be determined by the Legislature. The head of each such agency shall promulgate a written policy concerning the use of state-owned motor vehicles within his agency which shall include, but not be limited to, a definition of the use of state-owned motor vehicles which constitute use in the conduct of state business and which distinguishes such use from private use.

Sec. 2. **Transitional provision.** The Department of Finance and Administration, through the Bureau of Purchases, shall within a reasonable and

prudent length of time, dispose of all cars owned by the State, except those cars which are needed by the agencies specified in section 1 of this Act. The proceeds from the sale of the vehicles shall be deposited in the General Fund.

#### FISCAL NOTE

The actual dollar amount to be saved by operation of this bill cannot be finally established but it is estimated such saving would be substantial.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to limit the state agencies which can own and use state cars in order to reduce the cost of State Government.