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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "C " to H.P. 1474, L.D. 1564,
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Prohibition Against
Hitchhiking."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the end of
the first paragraph after the amending clause the
following: 'Nothing in this section shall prohibit
the solicitation of aid in the event of accidents
or by persons who are sick or seeking assistance
for the sick. The exception for sickness shall
apply only in cases of bona fide sickness in which
an emergency exists.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all
of the last underlined paragraph before the
Statement of Fact and inserting in place thereof
the following:

'Nothing in this section shall be construed to
prohibit a municipality from regulating or prohibiting
hitchhiking by appropriate ordinance on any public
highway or portion thereof. Nothing in this section
shall be construed to prohibit the Department of
Transportation from regulating and prohibiting
hitchhiking on any state or state aid highway or
portion thereof in the interest of safety at those
locations where accident occurrence may be a problem,
limited visibility exists, or severe traffic conflicts
or other safety factors may occur.'

Areas where hitchhiking has been regulated or
prohibited shall be clearly identified by posted
signs.

"Hitchhiking" as used in this section shall
mean to endeavor by words, gestures or otherwise,
to beg, invite or secure transportation in any
motor vehicle not engaged in passenger carry for
hire, unless said persons know the driver thereof
or any passenger therein.'

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the definition of hitchhiking and to clarify those instances where hitchhiking may be prohibited and to authorize the Department of Transportation to prohibit hitchhiking where safety may be impaired.

This amendment does not give the Department of Transportation broad authority to prohibit hitchhiking but only authority in instances where hazardous conditions exist.

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