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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Provide Protection for Children Transported by Bus by  
Religious Organizations.**

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 2011, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 780, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

2. School bus. The term "school bus" shall include every motor vehicle with a carrying capacity of 10 or more passengers, whether publicly or privately owned, which is used:

A. To transport school children to or from school or to or from school activities for which transportation is approved by the appropriate school authorities;

B. To transport children to or from religious activities for which such transportation is approved by the appropriate authorities of that religion. Such school buses shall not be subject to any provisions of this subchapter, except those of section 2016, until September 1, 1977. The appropriate authorities of any religion may apply prior to September 1, 1977, to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services for authorization that their school bus or buses shall be subject from that time forward to all provisions of this subchapter.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to provide by September 1, 1977, the same protection to children transported by bus to or from religious activities as is afforded children transported by bus to or from public or private school activities.