

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

No. 217

S. P. 93

In Senate, February 1, 1977

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator O'Leary of Oxford.

Cosponsor: Senator Hichens of York.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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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:

29 MRSA § 2011, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 695, as repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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, and which is used:

A. To transport school children to or from school or to and from school activities for which such transportation is approved by the appropriate school authorities, and to and from municipally operated activities or activities of a nonprofit corporation or association for which such transportation is approved by the appropriate school authorities.

B. To transport children to or from an institution or facility of religious worship or religious activities when such transportation is approved by the appropriate authorities of that religion. School buses as defined in this paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of this subchapter until September 1, 1978.

School bus as defined herein shall not include private motor vehicles used to transport members of the owner's household.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to provide by September 1, 1978, 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.