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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 247, L.D. 319, Bill  
"AN ACT to Permit Carpools Under the Public Utilities Law."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

35 MRSA §1642, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Carpools and vanpools. "Carpools and Vanpools" shall mean any vehicle used in a continuing form of pre-arranged commuter transportation by a relatively fixed group of 12 persons or less for travel between their places of residence and their place of employment and who share the cost of transportation. Carpooling and vanpooling exempted under this section shall only include transportation services that are incidental to the primary occupation, trade or business of carpools and vanpools.

A. The Public Utilities Commission may promulgate rules and regulations for vehicle liability insurance for carpools and vanpools. Every owner of a vehicle operating the carpool and vanpool shall post inside the vehicle in prominent view of all passengers the limits of liability insurance coverage purchased by the owner to protect the occupants.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to more clearly define the term "carpool." As used in this amendment, "carpool" includes every vehicle used for the purpose of conveying passengers except vehicles used in carpool operations which are the occupation, trade or business of the owner. In addition, this amendment requires carpool operators to be insured as determined by the Public Utilities Commission.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation.

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