

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 247

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jensen of Portland.

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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 Permit Carpools Under the Public Utilities Law.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 35 MRSA § 1501 is amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentence to read:

**Motor vehicles having a capacity of not more than 12 passengers being operated in what are commonly known as carpool operations are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.**

**Sec. 2.** 35 MRSA § 1642, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

**5. Carpools and vanpools. Motor vehicles having a capacity of not more than 12 passengers operated in what are commonly known as carpool operations.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to exclude any motor vehicle while transporting not more than 12 passengers in addition to the driver, if the driver and the passengers are engaged in a share-the-ride undertaking commonly known as carpooling or vanpooling from the jurisdiction of the laws, rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission. This bill is a result of the recommendation contained in a transportation needs study sponsored by the Maine Department of Transportation and by the Maine Department of Human Services.