

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1036

H. P. 845

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

On motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Prohibit the Use of Headphones While Operating a Motor Vehicle.

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

29 MRSA § 1000 is enacted to read:

§ 1000. Use of headphones prohibited

No person shall operate a motor vehicle while wearing headphones, unless the headphones are used for communication in connection with controlling the course or movement of the vehicle.

Whoever fails to comply with this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would prohibit the use of headphones while operating a motor vehicle. Headphones present a hazard which prevent the operator from hearing sounds or warnings necessary to safe operation of a motor vehicle.