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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-147)

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1025, L.D. 1273, Bill, "AN ACT to Require Towns without Secondary Schools to Provide Transportation to Secondary Schools."

Amend the Amendment in that part designated "<u>§3561.</u>" by inserting after subsection 6 the following:

'7. Waiver of requirement to convey secondary school students in units without secondary schools. The commissioner, with the approval of the board, may grant a waiver from the requirements of subsection 6 if:

A. The school committee or board of directors of the administrative unit has held a public hearing to determine whether a need to convey secondary school students exists; and

B. The local unit has, in the opinion of the commissioner, documented the lack of need to convey secondary school students.

Any waiver granted under this subsection shall be for a period of one year.'

Further amend the Amendment in that part designated "<u>\$3561.</u>" by renumbering subsections 7 to 10 to be subsections 8 to 11. SENATE AMEMDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1025, L.D. 1273 -2-D. OL.B.

Further amend the Amendment by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

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Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this Amendment is to permit the commissioner to waive the requirement placed on any local unit without secondary schools to provide conveyance for secondary school students when certain conditions are satisfied. The local unit must hold a public hearing to determine whether a need exists and must document the lack of need to the commissioner. Any waiver will extend for one year.

This amendment also changes the effective date of the bill to July 1, 1978.

COUNTY: Kennebec

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