

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 7, L.D. 13, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Requirements Relating to Identification of School Buses."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Portland Transit District, which is subsidized by federal funding, has a contract with the Cities of Portland and South Portland to transport children to school; and

Whereas, there are federal requirements that the buses of any transit district receiving federal subsidy not be marked as school buses; and

Whereas, present state statute requires that any bus, including any bus of a transit district, which transports school children must be marked as a school bus; and

Whereas, buses of the Portland Transit District which are used to transport school children are presently marked as school buses; and

Whereas, federal authorities have indicated that unless these buses comply with federal requirements by June 30, 1979, the federal subsidy to the transit district will cease; and

Whereas, stopping of this federal subsidy would require

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the Cities of Portland and South Portland to engage in an expensive and unnecessary purchase of school buses; and

Whereas, it is the judgment of the Legislature that the state statute need not require transit district buses to comply with school bus marking requirements: and

Whereas, an amendment to state statute exempting transit district buses must be effective by June 30, 1979, in order to ensure the continuation of federal subsidy; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill for reasons set out in the emergency preamble.

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