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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Clarify the Requirements Relating to Identification of School Buses.

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

29 MRSA § 2020, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 224, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2020. Exception

School buses which are operated by a motor carrier holding a certificate of public convenience from the Public Utilities Commission, while transporting school children, shall comply with all of the requirements of school buses, except that they shall be exempt from the vehicle color requirements. School buses which are operated by a transit district shall be exempted from the school bus marking, identification, emergency door, lateral seating and color requirements of this subchapter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Bill is to clarify the current law regarding school buses to make it clear that the usual school bus sign regulations do not apply to transit district coaches engaged in regular passenger service which also, as part of that service, transport children of school age.