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S. P. 76

In Senate, January 24, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning the Hiring of all School Bus Drivers.

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

29 MRSA § 2013, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, as amended by PL 1975, c. 589, § 22, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

E. Must pass, prior to any operation of a school bus under this section, such examination as the Secretary of State shall prescribe to determine his ability to operate the specific vehicle which will be driven as a school bus or any comparable type vehicle. A fee of \$8 shall accompany the application for the examination. The fee for subsequent examinations shall be \$5.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require bus drivers to pass an examination prior to commencement of operation of a school bus. Presently, the examination is given after the driver has begun his work as a school bus driver and many unskilled drivers are thus permitted to drive buses filled with children for extended periods before ever having to take any examination.