

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 973

House of Representatives, March 14, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Transportation of Children Living in Locations Inaccessible to Public Highways.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 220, 2nd paragraph, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A parent or guardian having children of compulsory school age in his care who domiciles those children in a location remote from and inaccessible to public highways may petition the board of school directors for a hearing, whose purpose shall be to determine whether or not the district is reasonably able to provide conveyance for those children to and from the nearest suitable school.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 3561, 2nd paragraph, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A parent or guardian having children of compulsory school age in his care who domiciles those children in a location remote from and inaccessible to public highways may petition the school committee for a hearing, whose purpose shall be to determine whether or not the district is reasonably able to provide conveyance for those children to and from the nearest suitable school.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At present, a parent or guardian having school-age children who domiciles those children in a location which is remote from and inaccessible to a public highway or school must either personally bear the cost of getting those children to an accessible location or must board those children at an accessible location. If the parent does neither, he is guilty of a violation of the truancy law.

This bill repeals this harsh provision and substitutes a procedure for a hearing, so the parent or guardian may see if the district is reasonably able to provide transportation for those children, despite their location.