

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 431

H. P. 388

House of Representatives, January 26, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Paul of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create a Legislators' Turnpike Pass.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 2, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 750, § 1, is amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of January, 1977 and thereafter, shall receive \$4,500 in the first year and \$2,500 in the 2nd year of each biennium, and shall be paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to and from his place of abode as state employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route ~~except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed where Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments .~~

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 2, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 750, § 1, is amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

Each Legislator shall be issued a turnpike pass, in a form prescribed by the Legislative Council, which shall entitle that Legislator to travel on the Maine Turnpike without payment of any tolls provided that the Legislator is traveling in a vehicle which displays a legislative license plate.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a pass for Maine Legislators to permit unlimited free travel on the Maine Turnpike. In order for the pass to be honored, a Legislator must be driving a motor vehicle with the specially assigned legislative plates attached thereto.

In fulfilling legislative duties, many Legislators find it necessary to travel on the Maine Turnpike. The present system of reimbursing Legislators for toll charges is cumbersome and unnecessary.