

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Governor's Bill)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1539

H. P. 1353

House of Representatives, April 15, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McKean of Limestone.

Cosponsors: Representative Strout of Corinth, Senator Emerson of Penobscot and Senator Usher of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Enable Continuation of the Highway Safety Defensive Driver Program through an Increase in Student Registration Fees.

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

23 MRSA § 4208, first and 2nd sentences, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 423, Pt. B, § 1, are amended to read:

The Department of ~~Transportation~~ **Public Safety** is authorized to conduct defensive driving courses for the purpose of promoting highway safety and to charge a registration fee of ~~\$5~~ **\$15** to participants in the defensive driving courses conducted under the auspices of the department. The fee shall be used to ~~supplement federal funds to cover the cost of materials and to compensate certified instructors for their services in~~ conducting the courses.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Approximately 10,000 Maine drivers annually enroll voluntarily in the State Highway Safety Educational Program. The 8-hour course in defensive driving permits enrollees to qualify for reductions in the number of points on a driver's license. In the past, it has been subsidized by the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration, but the State has been advised that funding will not be continued beyond the end of the current federal fiscal year. The increased student fee will permit the program to continue and to be self-sustaining. The Highway Safety Committee has already been transferred earlier this session from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Safety.