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7 H.P. 213

House of Representatives, January 21, 1983

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9 Committee on Transportation, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Kelly of Camden.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Prohibit the Wearing of Head
18 Phones or Ear Phones while Operating a
19 Motor Vehicle.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 29 MRSA §1365-A is enacted to read:

24 §1365-A. Headphones

25 It is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle or com-
26 bination of vehicles while wearing headphones or
27 earphones, unless the headphones or earphones are
28 used in a communication system for receiving or
29 transmitting messages.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill makes it illegal to wear headphones or
3 earphones while operating a motor vehicle. In this
4 age of electronics, people listen to music and other
5 forms of entertainment while operating a motor vehi-
6 cle or combination of vehicles. Earphones or
7 headphones block out other sounds, including the
8 sounding of horns and sirens necessary for the safe
9 movement of vehicular traffic, both normal and emer-
10 gency.

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