

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 341

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7 H.P. 281

House of Representatives, January 31, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation, sent up for concurrence  
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Paul of Sanford.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Concerning Maine Turnpike  
18 Commuter Passes.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 23 MRSA §1973, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1981,  
23 c. 595, §3, is amended to read:

24 A. The authority shall establish a system of  
25 commuter discounts to provide passenger vehicles  
26 with reduced rates which rates shall not exceed  
27 50% of the normal passenger vehicle toll in  
28 effect on June 1, 1981, except that after July 1,  
29 1985, commuter fares may be adjusted generally  
30 proportionately to any other fare adjustments.  
31 Commuter discounts shall be made available for  
32 30-day periods and for other specific periods of  
33 time as determined by the authority.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to enable users of  
3 the Maine Turnpike to obtain commuter passes on a  
4 more convenient and judicious basis. Presently, com-  
5 muter passes are available on a quarterly basis. A  
6 person must purchase the pass for the entire quarter.  
7 The Maine Turnpike Authority does not permit the com-  
8 muter pass to be sold on a pro rata basis. As a  
9 result, a person who purchases a commuter pass on the  
10 45th day of the quarter is required to pay the entire  
11 90-day cost.

12 This bill does not create any additional costs or  
13 administrative problems for the Maine Turnpike  
14 Authority. The existence of monthly commuter dis-  
15 counts may actually increase use of the turnpike and  
16 increase turnpike revenues.

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