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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. 808

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7 S.P. 263

In Senate, February 16, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Transportation, sent down for concurrence
9 and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Brown of Washington.

Cosponsor: Representative Baker of Portland.

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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 Require the Use of Seat Belts
18 in all Motor Vehicles.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1368-A, as enacted by PL 1965,
23 c. 202, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in
24 its place:

25 §1368-A. Safety seat belts

26 1. Automobiles. It is unlawful for any person
27 to buy, sell, lease, trade or transfer from or to
28 Maine residents at retail an automobile, which is
29 manufactured or assembled commencing with the 1966
30 models, unless that vehicle is equipped with safety
31 seat belts installed for use in the left front and
32 right front seats of the vehicle.

1 2. Passenger vehicle. Every truck, bus and
2 multi-purpose passenger vehicle manufactured after
3 July 1, 1971, shall be equipped with a lap belt
4 assembly or with a lap or shoulder belt assembly in
5 the driver's seating position.

6 3. Truck tractors. Every truck tractor manufac-
7 tured or assembled after January 1, 1965, that is
8 designed to draw a vehicle with a gross weight over
9 10,000 pounds shall be equipped with a lap belt
10 assembly in the driver's seating position.

11 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §§1368-C, 1368-D and 1368-E are
12 enacted to read:

13 §1368-C. Drivers to wear seat belts

14 Every driver of a motor vehicle subject to
15 section 1368-A shall wear a properly adjusted and
16 fastened seat belt, except drivers of motor vehicle
17 operators who:

18 1. Persons frequently leaving vehi-
19 cle. Frequently stop and leave the vehicle or deliv-
20 ering property from the vehicle as long as the speed
21 of the vehicle between stops does not exceed 15 miles
22 per hour; or

23 2. Physicians statement. Possess written con-
24 firmation from a physician that he is unable for med-
25 ical or physical reasons to wear a seat belt.

26 §1368-D. Passengers to wear seat belts

27 Every passenger in a vehicle operated on a high-
28 way, other than the driver, shall wear a properly ad-
29 justed and fastened seat belt if his seating position
30 is so equipped, unless that use is not possible, safe
31 or reasonable or unless the passenger is medically
32 exempted by possessing written confirmation from a
33 physician.

34 §1368-E. Penalties

35 Violation of the provisions of this section con-
36 stitutes a misdemeanor and persons convicted shall be
37 subject to a fine of not more than \$50.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Drivers are required by this bill to use or wear
3 their seat belts while operating a motor vehicle.

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