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L.D. 1010

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 781,
L.D. 1010, Bill, "AN ACT to Deregulate Motor Car-
riers of Passengers for Hire."

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part desig-
nated "§2703." by adding at the end of the first
paragraph (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) a new sentence to
read:

'Every person, firm or corporation transporting
passengers for hire shall be assessed an annual
permit renewal fee of \$15.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section
1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2704, as enacted by PL 1981,
c. 469, §2, is amended to read:

§2704. Vehicle identification required

Every motor vehicle transporting freight, mer-
chandise or household goods and required to obtain an
operating permit under this chapter shall at all
times display identification to be prescribed and
furnished by the bureau in accordance with rules
promulgated by the bureau. The annual fee for the
vehicle identification device is \$8 for each motor
vehicle and \$2 shall be charged for each transfer of
that identification. The bureau may refuse to fur-
nish identification for any motor vehicle not regis-
tered in the name of the holder of a permit. The
bureau may, in its discretion, issue upon request
telegraphic authority for transportation for hire by
motor vehicles in this State pending issuance of
proper vehicle identification devices. The

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1 telegraphic authority shall not exceed that already
2 granted the requesting carrier by the United States
3 Interstate Commerce Commission or the bureau and the
4 cost of the telegraphic authority shall be borne by
5 the requesting carrier.'

6 Further amend the bill in section 4, subsection
7 3, paragraph G, 4th line from end (page 6, line 11 in
8 L.D.) by inserting after the underlined words "pro-
9 vided that" the underlined words and punctuation 'the
10 operator's name, the list of equipment and'

11 Further amend the bill in section 4, subsection
12 3, paragraph H by striking out all of the first sen-
13 tence (page 6, lines 15 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting
14 in its place the following:

15 'Motor carriers transporting passengers that
16 receive state, municipal or federal subsidies ad-
17 ministered by the Department of Transportation
18 shall be required to submit their operating name
19 and list of equipment to the bureau and shall be
20 subject to the rules of the bureau pertaining to
21 safety promulgated under section 2707.'

22 Further amend the bill by adding at the end
23 before the Statement of Fact the following:

24 'Sec. 7. Effective date. This Act shall take
25 effect on January 1, 1984.'

26 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-
27 tions to read consecutively.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The purpose of this amendment is to include the
30 transportation of passengers for hire within the
31 Maine Highway Transportation Reform Act. When this
32 Act was enacted in 1981, the transportation of
33 passengers for hire was omitted. This amendment re-

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1 quires these types of vehicles to obtain operating
2 permits at a cost of \$15 as a means of assuring that
3 these vehicles are safe and operated in a safe man-
4 ner. These vehicles by rule have been subject to a
5 \$15 fee. These vehicles are exempt from displaying a
6 vehicle identification device, as required for other
7 types of "for-hire" vehicles.

8 This amendment also clarifies present law by re-
9 quiring "for-profit" car pools and van pools, as well
10 as motor carriers transporting passengers for hire,
11 to submit the name of the operator and an equipment
12 list to the Department of Transportation.

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