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

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7 S.P. 383

In Senate, March 14, 1985

8 Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for
concurrence and ordered printed.

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

Presented by Senator Violette of Aroostook.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Danton of York, Representative Murray of
Bangor and Representative Pines of Limestone.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Require the Use of Seat Belts in
18 all Motor Vehicles.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §1368-C is enacted to read:

23 §1368-C. Use of seat belts

24 1. Mandatory use. The driver and every passen-
25 ger shall wear a properly secured seat belt while the
26 motor vehicle is in operation, provided that the ve-
27 hicle in operation is:

28 A. An automobile manufactured or assembled on or
29 after January 1, 1966; and

30 B. A motor vehicle required by federal law or
31 rule to be equipped with seat belts at the time
32 of manufacture or assembly.

1 Seat belts reduce by 1/2 the chances of serious
2 injury in an accident. Motor vehicle crashes account
3 for over 200 deaths per year in Maine. Nationally,
4 motor vehicle crashes result in more cases of para-
5 plegia and quadraplegia than all other causes com-
6 bined and are major causes of epilepsy and brain dam-
7 age.

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