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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick. Cosponsored by Representative PLOURDE of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Require Seat Belts in School Buses.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

29 MRSA §2014-A is enacted to read:

<u>§2014-A. Seat safety belts</u>

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1. Passenger seat safety belts for school buses. Every new school bus, as defined in this chapter, purchased for use in this State after September 1992 must be equipped with seat safety belts.

2. Passenger seat safety belts for existing school buses. Any school bus not equipped with seat safety belts must be retrofitted so that all passenger seats are equipped with seat safety belts by the year 1996.

3. Rules. The Commissioner of Transportation in 18 consultation with the Commissioner of Education shall establish 18 by rule standards for seat safety belts, seat safety belt 20 anchorage assemblies and the installation of seat safety belts in 21 school buses. The rules must prescribe the method of securing 22 approval of seat safety belts.

STATEMENT OF FACT

New school buses purchased after September 1992 must be equipped with seat safety belts for use by all passengers. Existing buses are required to install seat safety belts within a 30 5-year period.

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