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Presented by Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham. Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Representative MACOMBER of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Increase the Minimum Amount of Insurance Coverage Required for Limousines to Conform with Federal Law.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §831, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 502, 4 Pt. B, §31, is further amended to read:

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The Secretary of State shall may not register any motor vehicle rented or leased on plans commonly known as U-Drive, Drive Yourself or Driverless Car plans nor any motor vehicle used 8 : 2 for livery or hire other than a limousine, except as provided in section 2708, and no person, firm or corporation may operate or 10 cause to be operated upon any public highway in this State any 12 such motor vehicle, until the owner or owners thereof shall have procured insurance or a bond, having a surety company authorized to transact business in this State or 2 individuals as sureties 14 thereon, in the amount of \$20,000 because of bodily injury or 16 death to any one person, and subject to the limit respecting one person, in the amount of \$40,000 because of bodily injury to or 18 death to 2 or more persons in any one accident, and in the amount of \$10,000 because of injury to and destruction of property in 20 any one accident, which insurance or bond shall must be approved by the Secretary of State and shall indemnify the insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any person 22 or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the operation of the motor vehicle 24 described in the contract of insurance or such bond. The Secretary of State shall may not approve the policy or bond 26 unless it provides primary coverage for the operator as well as 28 the owner.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §831, as amended by PL 1989, c. 866, Pt. A, 30 <sup>§7</sup> and affected by Pt. B, §26, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read: 32

The Secretary of State may not register a limousine used for 34 hire and a person, firm or corporation may not operate or cause 36 to be operated upon any public highway in this State a limousine used for hire until the owner or owners have provided liability insurance in the amount of \$1,500,000. For the purposes of this 38 section, "limousine" means a luxury motor vehicle with a seating capacity of 5 or more passengers behind the driver. 40

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires that limousines for hire be insured in 46 the amount of \$1,500,000, the amount required by the Interstate Commerce Commission for passenger carriers with a seating capacity of 15 or fewer passengers. 48

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