

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1992

Legislative Document

No. 2

S.P. 9

In Senate, December 2, 1992

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTY of Cumberland

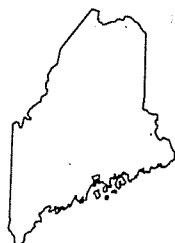
Cosponsored by Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham, Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc and Representative CARLETON of Wells.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act Relating to Compulsory Insurance Limits for Vehicles that Transport Passengers for Hire.**

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, changes in the motor vehicle insurance laws that were enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature impose inappropriately high and burdensome insurance premium costs on the taxicab industry and threaten the ability of the providers of taxicab service in the State to continue service to the communities they serve; and

Whereas, in Maine, taxicabs serve primarily the poor, the elderly and the physically challenged; and

Whereas, immediate action is necessary to prevent a curtailment or cessation of service in Maine communities; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 793, §13 is amended to read:**

**Sec. 13. Effective date.** Sections 1 and 2, 4 to 10 and 12 take effect on January 1, 1993. The provisions of section 11 that enact the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 2708-A, subsection 1,; section 2708-A, subsection 2, paragraphs A, C and D; and section 2708-A, subsections 3 to 6 take effect January 1, 1993. The provision of section 11 that enacts Title 29, section 2708-A, subsection 2, paragraph B, subparagraph (1) takes effect April 1, 1993. The provisions of section 11 that enact Title 29, section 2708-A, subsection 2, paragraph B, subparagraphs (2) and (3) take effect on the effective date of this Act.

**Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to April 3, 1992.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

In the Second Regular Session, the 115th Legislature enacted changes in the minimum insurance requirements for vehicles used to transport passengers for hire. This bill delays the date upon which those new minimum insurance requirements take effect for vehicles with 7 or fewer passengers.