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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 22, L.D. 24, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit People from Riding in the Back of Open Pickup Trucks"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1368-D is enacted to read:

§1368-D. Passengers under 19 years of age restricted to passenger compartment of pickup truck

1. Passengers under 19 years of age. When a passenger under 19 years of age is transported in a pickup truck, that passenger must ride in the passenger compartment of the pickup truck.

2. Exceptions. Subsection 1 does not apply to the following:

A. Passengers in a truck camper;

B. Passengers in a pickup truck being used for agricultural purposes;

C. Workers or trainees engaged in the necessary discharge of their duties or training or being transported between work or training locations;

D. Participants in parades; or

E. A passenger secured by a seat belt in a manufacturer-installed seat located outside the passenger compartment.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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3. Violation. An operator who transports a passenger in violation of this section commits a traffic infraction.

**Sec. 2. Warning issued.** An operator of a pickup truck stopped for a violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 1368-D during the initial 6 months after this section takes effect will be issued a warning that a violation of this section has occurred. A penalty may not be imposed for a violation during the initial 6 months after Title 29, section 1368-C takes effect.

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1994.

**FISCAL NOTE**

The Department of Public Safety will incur some additional enforcement costs. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenues by a minor amount.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment replaces the original bill. The amendment restricts a person under 19 years of age to riding in the passenger compartment of a pickup truck. The amendment exempts certain passengers from this restriction. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation  
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