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H.P. 297

House of Representatives, February 9, 1993

An Act to Require Commercial Trucks to Operate with Care in Adverse Weather Conditions.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ALIBERTI of Lewiston, BEAM of Lewiston, DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, HALE of Sanford, HUSSEY of Milo, JALBERT of Lisbon, MARTIN of Van Buren, RICKER of Lewiston, STROUT of Corinth, Senator: TITCOMB of Cumberland.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §992-A is enacted to read:

4 §992-A. Passing restriction for commercial vehicles on divided
5 limited-access highways.

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7 1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the
8 context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
9 following meanings.

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11 A. "Commercial truck" means a motor truck that has a gross
12 vehicle weight rating or a registered weight of 26,001 or
13 more pounds.

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15 B. "Left lane" means the travel lane furthest to the left.

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17 2. Traveling in left lane; adverse weather conditions. The
18 operator of a commercial truck on a divided limited-access
19 highway may not drive in the left lane when the speed limit on
20 that highway has been lowered, in accordance with section 1251,
21 due to adverse weather conditions.

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23 3. Exemption. Highway maintenance vehicles meeting the
24 definition of commercial truck are exempt from this section while
25 engaged in highway maintenance.

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27 STATEMENT OF FACT

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29 This bill prohibits operators of commercial vehicles from
30 driving in the left lane on divided limited-access highways
31 during adverse weather conditions.
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