

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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Legislative Document

No. 459

H.P. 356

House of Representatives, February 11, 1993

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### An Act Regarding Seating on a Motorcycle or Motor-driven Cycle.

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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 STEVENS of Sabattus.  
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BAILEY of Township 27, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft,  
LIBBY of Kennebunk, LINDAHL of Northport, NICKERSON of Turner, NORTON of  
Winthrop, PARADIS of Augusta, REED of Dexter, RICHARDSON of Portland, RICKER of  
Lewiston, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, SPEAR of Nobleboro, STROUT of Corinth, Senator:  
CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

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

2           Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §960, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c.  
4           28, is repealed.

6           Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §960-A is enacted to read:

8     §960-A. Riding on motorcycle or motor-driven cycle

10          1. Seating. Seating on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle  
12          is as follows.

14           A. An operator or passenger on a motorcycle or motor-driven  
16           cycle or a passenger in a sidecar must ride on an attached  
18           permanent and regular seat.

20           B. A passenger may not ride on a motorcycle or motor-driven  
22           cycle unless it is designed to carry more than one person.

24           C. More than 2 persons may not ride on a motorcycle or  
26           motor-driven cycle.

28           D. A passenger riding on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle  
30           may only be seated behind the operator.

32           E. The number of passengers in a sidecar attached to a  
34           motorcycle may not exceed 2 or the number of permanent seats  
36           for which the sidecar is designed, whichever is less.

38          2. Violation. The operator of a motorcycle or motor-driven  
40          cycle is responsible for a violation of this section.  
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### STATEMENT OF FACT

44          This bill repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29,  
46          section 960, which stated the permissible seating on a motorcycle  
or motor-driven cycle or in a sidecar.

        The bill creates a new section in Title 29 that includes  
substantially the same language as was repealed, except that it  
is in outline form. In addition, the new section makes it  
mandatory for a passenger riding on a motorcycle or motor-driven  
cycle to be seated behind the operator. The operator is  
responsible for a violation.