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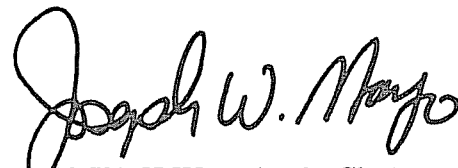
No. 921

H.P. 679

House of Representatives, March 16, 1993

An Act to Authorize the Operation of Articulated Buses on Maine Highways.

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Farmington.

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

4 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1, sub-§24 is enacted to read:

6 24. Articulated bus. "Articulated bus" means a bus
8 consisting of 2 passenger-carrying sections in which the rear
10 body section is flexibly but permanently connected to the front
12 section in a manner that allows the vehicle to bend without
14 having an interior barrier to movement between sections of the
16 vehicle.

18 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §244, sub-§4, ¶F is enacted to read:

20 F. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection,
22 articulated buses may be operated or caused to be operated
24 as long as the following conditions are met:

26 (1) The total length of the vehicle does not exceed 61
28 feet, excluding bumpers;

30 (2) The rearmost axle of the vehicle is self-steering;

32 (3) The vehicle is equipped with an interlock device
34 to prevent the vehicle from jackknifing while backing
36 up;

38 (4) The vehicle is equipped with an audible or visible
40 signal that indicates to the driver who overrides the
42 interlock device when the vehicle is nearing the
jackknife position; and

(5) The turntable floor is properly aligned to
maintain a level surface while the vehicle is in
operation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the operation without special permit of articulated buses on the State's highways under certain conditions.