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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 77, L.D. 165, Bill, "An Act to Require All Persons to Use Safety Belts in Motor Vehicles"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**Sec. 4. Referendum for ratification; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor requiring all persons to use safety belts in motor vehicles?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor

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2 shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of  
the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall  
4 proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30  
days after the date of the proclamation.

6 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each  
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this  
8 Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

10 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
12 consecutively.

14 **FISCAL NOTE**

16 The estimated cost of sending this question out to  
referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda  
18 enacted during the First Regular Session of the 117th  
Legislature. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one  
20 to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional  
referendum costs an additional \$7,000.  
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24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This amendment adds a referendum provision to the bill.  
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30 SPONSORED BY: Bernice Gerry  
(Representative GERRY)

32 TOWN: Auburn  
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