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S.P. 309

In Senate, March 14, 1995

An Act Regarding Insurance Rates for Volunteer Drivers.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, BERUBE of Androscoggin, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: AULT of Wayne, CARLETON of Wells, CHASE of China, JONES of Pittsfield, MADORE of Augusta.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2902-F is enacted to read:

§2902-F. Volunteer drivers

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An insurer may not refuse to issue motor vehicle liability insurance to an applicant solely because the applicant is a volunteer driver. An insurer may not impose a surcharge or otherwise increase the rate for a motor vehicle policy solely on the basis that the named insured, a member of the insured's household or a person who customarily operates the insured's vehicle is a volunteer driver. For purposes of this section, "volunteer driver" means a person who provides services, including transporting individuals or goods, without compensation above expenses to a nonprofit agency or charitable organization as defined in Title 14, section 158-A.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits insurance companies from cancelling, refusing to insure or increasing the rates of motor vehicle liability insurance for a person solely because the person is a volunteer driver.