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H.P. 276

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

An Act Relating to Consumer Rental Vehicles.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and
Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, POWERS of Rockport, SAVAGE of Union,
SKOGLUND of St. George, TRIPP of Topsham, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator:
LaFOUNTAIN of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§17-A is enacted to read:**

6 17-A. Consumer rental vehicle. "Consumer rental vehicle"
8 means an automobile or truck with a gross weight of 26,000 pounds
10 or less offered to the public for rent for not more than 30 days.

12 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1611, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1995, c.**
14 **645, Pt. A, §15, is further amended to read:**

16 **5. Coverage of insurance or bond.** The required insurance
18 policy or bond must adequately provide liability insurance for
the collection of damages for which the holder of a permit or the
owner of a motor vehicle or vehicles may be liable by reason of
the operation of a motor vehicle or vehicles subject to this
chapter. For consumer rental vehicles, the policy or bond must
provide the primary coverage.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill provides that a rental company's insurance policy
24 must provide primary coverage for rental cars and trucks.