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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 380, L.D. 525, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Availability and Reduce the Cost of Escorts for Overlimit Movements on the State's Roads"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Increase the Availability and Reduce the Cost of Escorts for Over-limit Movements on the State's Roads'

Further amend the bill in the 2nd paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "pilot" and inserting in its place the following: 'vehicles or a combination of'

Further amend the bill in the 3rd paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "pilot vehicles" and inserting in its place the following: 'over-limit loads'

Further amend the bill in the 4th paragraph after the title in the 2nd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "of pilot vehicles"

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 9 and inserting in its place the following:

'9. Pilot vehicles. Pilot vehicles required by a permit must be equipped with warning lights and signs as required by the Secretary of State with the advice of the Department of Transportation.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Warning lights may only be operated and lettering on the signs
4 may only be visible on a pilot vehicle while it is escorting on a
public way a vehicle with a permit.

6 ~~The Secretary of State shall require a State Police escort for a
8 single vehicle or a combination of vehicles of 125 feet or more
in length or 16 feet or more in width. The Secretary of State,
10 with the advice of the Commissioner of Transportation, may
require vehicles of lesser dimensions to be escorted by the State
12 Police.~~

14 ~~The Bureau of State Police shall establish a fee for State Police
escorts.~~

16 ~~All fees collected must be used to defray the cost of services
18 provided.~~

20 With the advice of the Commissioner of Transportation and the
Chief of the State Police, the Secretary of State shall establish
22 rules for the operation of pilot vehicles.'

24 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the
following:

26 'Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2382, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

28 9-A. Police escort. A person may not operate a single
30 vehicle or a combination of vehicles of 125 feet or more in
length or 16 feet or more in width on a public way unless the
32 vehicle or combination of vehicles is accompanied by a police
escort. The Secretary of State, with the advice of the
34 Commissioner of Transportation, may require a police escort for
vehicles of lesser dimensions.

36 A. The Bureau of State Police shall establish a fee for
state police escorts to defray the costs of providing a
38 police escort. A county sheriff or municipal police
department may establish a fee to defray the costs of
40 providing police escorts.

42 B. The Bureau of State Police shall provide a police escort
if a request is made by a permittee. A county sheriff or
44 municipal police department may refuse a permittee's request
for a police escort.

46 C. A vehicle or combination of vehicles for which a police
48 escort is required must be accompanied by a state police
escort when operating on the interstate highway system.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

8 The Department of Public Safety will realize some minor
savings from reduced overtime resulting from reduced escort
10 details authorized by the Department of the Secretary of State.'

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SUMMARY

16 This amendment permits a county sheriff or municipal police
department to provide an escort for certain oversized vehicles
for which a police escort is required. It also requires any
18 escort for these oversized vehicles on the interstate highway
system be provided by the State Police.