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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 753, L.D. 2031, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§3, ¶¶C and D, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, are amended to read:

C. Maintained Substantially maintained in original or restored condition primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest; and

D. Not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods; and

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§3, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Not a reconstructed vehicle.

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§41-A is enacted to read:

41-A. Motorized wheelchair. "Motorized wheelchair" means a battery-powered device used exclusively for the transportation of an individual with a physical disability.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §2067, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c. 115, §1, is further amended to read:

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2 2. **Dimming.** When a vehicle equipped with multiple-beam
4 road lights approaches an oncoming vehicle within 500 feet or
6 follows a vehicle within 300 feet, the operator shall dim the
8 headlights or switch to a low beam and shall turn off a fog or
10 auxiliary light allowed by section 2054, subsection 2, paragraph
12 E, unless the fog light or auxiliary light was installed by the
14 vehicle manufacturer at the time the vehicle was originally
16 manufactured.'

18 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6
20 (page 2, lines 2 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the
22 following:

24 'Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §2068, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

26 'B-1. A person may not park a vehicle on the following
28 portions of a public way that are included in a
30 limited-access highway:

32 (1) On a traffic lane, deceleration lane, acceleration
34 lane or on a bridge; or

36 (2) On the shoulder to the left of the traffic lanes.'

38 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
40 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
42 consecutively.

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

34 **FISCAL NOTE**

36 This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If
38 a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties
40 are estimated to be \$86.45 per day per prisoner. These costs are
42 not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may
44 result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county
46 jail system are expected to be insignificant.

 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment amends the definition of antique auto. It
8 also adds to the motor vehicle laws a definition of "motorized
10 wheelchair." It provides an exemption to the requirement that
12 vehicle operators turn off fog lights and auxiliary lights when
approaching or following another if the lights are installed at
the time of manufacture. It also prohibits a person from parking
a vehicle on a limited-access highway, on a traffic lane,
deceleration lane, acceleration lane, or on a bridge or on the
left shoulder of the traffic lanes.