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H.P. 869

House of Representatives, February 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Seat Belt Law Regarding the Enforcement of Penalties.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CLARK of Millinocket, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft,
DUNLAP of Old Town, GAGNE of Buckfield, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, USHER of
Westbrook, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶E, as amended by PL 1997, c.
4	450, §3, is further amended to read:
6	E. Subsection 3-A may be enforced only if a law enforcement officer has detained the operator of a motor vehicle for a
8	suspected violation of another law. An operator is not subject to the penalty established in paragraph D unless the
10	operator is required to pay a fine for the primary violation.
12	SUMMARY
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	This bill restores statutory language that was repealed in
16	1997. Prior to the repeal, a person not wearing a seat belt could only be fined for the primary violation, the reason the
18	person was orginally stopped. This bill restores that provision

to the form as passed at referendum in 1995.