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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000**

Legislative Document

No. 2521

H.P. 1796

House of Representatives, January 24, 2000

An Act to Promote Safe Mobility for Maine's Aging Population through Education and Community-based, Economically Sustainable Alternative Transportation.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker ROWE of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and

Representatives: KANE of Saco, MURPHY of Kennebunk, Senator: AMERO of Cumberland.

Re it	enacted	by the	People	of the	State	of Maine	as follows
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- Sec. 1. Motor Vehicle Safety Program; established. There is established the Motor Vehicle Safety Program, to be administered by the Secretary of State, to educate the general public, public officials and health and social service personnel about the age-related changes that can impact a person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. The program will include a social marketing plan, goals, objectives and an evaluation period to verify its effectiveness.
- Sec. 2. Senior Transportation Program; established. established the Senior Transportation Program, to be administered by the State Planning Office, to support the development of consumer-oriented, community-based, economically sustainable transportation services for seniors who stop or limit driving. Funds appropriated to the State Planning Office in section 3 are to be used as start-up costs for senior citizen transportation services in areas of the State not currently serviced by the Independent Transportation Network. Any nonprofit community-based organization that can connect its information system with the Independent Transportation Network is eliqible to receive funds. The State Planning Office may adopt rules necessary to administer the funds. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.
- Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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### SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF THE

#### 36 Education

38 All Other \$100,000

40 Provides funds to create a program to educate the general public, public officials 42 and health and social service personnel about the age-related changes that can 44 impact a person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TOTAL

\$100,000

#### STATE PLANNING OFFICE

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#### Sustainable Transportation Grant Program

6	All Other	\$350,000
8	Provides funds, to be equally matched with private resources, either cash or in-kind,	
10	to create a consumer-oriented, community-based, economically sustainable	
12	transportation service for nondriving seniors. Twenty-five thousand dollars of	
14	these funds must be used for Independent Transportation Network technical support.	
16	STATE PLANNING OFFICE	
18	TOTAL	\$350,000
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22	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$450,000

24 SUMMARY

This bill appropriates funds to the Secretary of State to create a program to educate the general public, public officials and health and social service personnel about the age-related changes that can impact a person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. The bill also appropriates funds to the State Planning Office to create a consumer-oriented, community-based, economically sustainable transportation service for seniors who limit or stop driving.