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TRANSPORTATION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 712, L.D. 927, Bill, "An Act to Provide Transportation Vouchers to Persons with Disabilities to Improve their Independence and Opportunity to Work"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2007 is enacted to read:

§2007. Transportation vouchers for persons with disabilities to work

The Department of Labor shall establish a program providing for the issuance of transportation vouchers to persons with disabilities, as defined by 42 United States Code, Section 8013, for the purpose of improving access to employment. The vouchers may be used for fares for public transportation or to pay mileage expenses for private transportation.

The Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, shall adopt rules governing eligibility for the transportation vouchers program. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. The Department of Labor or its contractor shall administer the program.'

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

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2001-02 2002-03

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000
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This bill includes an annual General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 beginning in fiscal year 2001-02 for the Office of Passenger Transportation within the Department of Transportation to provide funds to be used for transportation vouchers provided to people with disabilities.

The additional costs associated with establishing a certain program for disabled persons and adopting rules associated with that program can be absorbed by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes the Department of Labor to establish and administer the transportation vouchers program.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.