

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 712

House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

**An Act to Provide Transportation Vouchers to Persons with Disabilities  
to Improve their Independence and Opportunity to Work.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, WESTON of Montville, Senator:  
DAVIS of Piscataquis.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4210** is enacted to read:

6 **§4210. Transportation vouchers**

8 The commissioner shall establish a program providing for the  
10 issuance of annual transportation vouchers to persons with  
12 disabilities, as defined by 42 United States Code, Section 8013.  
14 The purpose of the transportation voucher program is to improve  
the independence and opportunity to work for persons with  
disabilities. The vouchers may be used for fares for public  
transportation or to pay mileage expenses for private  
transportation.

16 The commissioner shall adopt rules governing the  
18 implementation of the transportation voucher program. Rules  
adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules  
as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

20 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
22 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

24		2001-02	2002-03
26	<b>TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
28	<b>Office of Passenger</b>		
30	<b>Transportation</b>		
32	All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
34	Appropriates funds for		
36	transportation vouchers		
	provided to persons with		
	disabilities.		

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill establishes a program providing for the issuance  
42 of annual transportation vouchers to persons with disabilities.  
44 The purpose of the transportation voucher program is to improve  
46 the independence and opportunity to work for persons with  
48 disabilities. The vouchers may be used for fares for public  
transportation or to pay mileage expenses for private  
transportation. The bill appropriates \$500,000 for the biennium  
from the General Fund to fund the program. The Commissioner of

2           Transportation shall adopt rules governing the implementation of  
the transportation voucher program.