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H.P. 1477

House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

An Act to Allow Maine to Participate in the Federal Pilot Program for Drivers Delivering Home Heating Oil.

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, COLWELL of Gardiner, HALL of Bristol, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, McNEIL of Rockland, PARADIS of Frenchville, PERRY of Bangor.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §555, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

6 **2-B. Participation in federal pilot program; temporary**
8 **exemptions from hours-of-service regulations.** The Commissioner
10 of Public Safety shall grant temporary exemptions from the weekly
12 restrictions in the intrastate hours-of-service regulations for
14 the transportation of home heating oil during the winter months
16 for the purpose of enabling intrastate motor carriers conducting
18 such operations to do so under terms and conditions identical to
20 those used in the Pilot Program for Drivers Delivering Home
22 Heating Oil published in the Federal Register Vol. 66, No. 135.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 The bill instructs the Commissioner of Public Safety to
20 allow Maine to participate in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
22 Administration, or "FMCSA" pilot program that allows for a
24 restart of drivers' hours in order to allow for flexibility in
 the hours-of-service regulations. This pilot program, which
 lasts for 3 years, is managed and monitored by the FMCSA and will
 provide data to the FMCSA for the purpose of evaluating current
 hours-of-service regulations.