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H.P. 736

House of Representatives, February 25, 2003

**An Act To Accommodate the Unique Circumstances Affecting  
Regional Transportation Providers in the Administration of Car  
Seat Laws**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to amend Public Law 2001, chapter 585  
12 pertaining to the administration of child safety seat laws. The  
14 bill would remove the potential under current law for children to  
be denied access to state-contracted transportation services due  
to the inability of service providers to comply with the child  
safety seat requirements. Three circumstances would be addressed:

16 1. When a volunteer driver's vehicle can not accommodate an  
18 approved car seat or an appropriate car seat is not available;

20 2. When the passenger's unique requirements cause the use  
22 of an approved car seat to be impractical and potentially  
harmful; and

24 3. When the transportation provider's equipment must be  
replaced to comply with current law.

26 In addressing these circumstances, consideration would be  
28 given to allowable time frames for vehicle replacement, waivers  
for clients with special needs and access to financing to ensure  
the availability of appropriate vehicles and car seats.