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An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Concerning the Types of Transportation Vehicle Used To Transport Children

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2301, sub-§§1-A, 1-B and 6** are enacted to
5 read:

6 **1-A. Allowable alternate vehicle.** "Allowable alternate
7 vehicle" means a vehicle designed to carry 11 or more people,
8 including the driver, that meets all the federal Motor Vehicle
9 Safety Standards of 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571, or
10 as subsequently amended, that are applicable to school buses,
11 except for those provisions pertaining to lamps, reflective
12 devices and associated equipment in 49 Code of Federal
13 Regulations, Part 571.108 and those provisions pertaining to
14 school bus pedestrian safety devices in 49 Code of Federal
15 Regulations, Part 571.131.

16 **1-B. Full service transportation provider.** "Full service
17 transportation provider" has the same meaning as defined in rules
18 adopted by the Department of Human Services pertaining to
19 transportation services for health care providers.

20 **6. Urban fixed-route transit provider.** "Urban fixed-route
21 transit provider" means a transit district or a regional
22 transportation corporation, as defined in Title 30-A, section
23 3501, that provides public transportation within one or more
24 municipalities on prescribed routes at prescribed times.

25 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2309,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt.
26 A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

27 **§2309. Exemptions from subchapter**

28 A vehicle with a carrying capacity of 20 or fewer passengers
29 used to transport children to day care or head start facilities
30 is, a full service transportation provider, an urban fixed-route
31 transit provider, and an allowable alternate vehicle are exempt
32 from this subchapter.

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39 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill adds 3 exemptions to the laws pertaining to
41 equipment, operator and inspection standards for school buses.
42 Specifically, the bill exempts from those standards vehicles
43 designed to carry 11 or more people, including the driver, that
44 meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards applicable to
45 school buses, Medicaid-enrolled transportation providers who
46 perform transportation services described in the MaineCare
47 Benefits Manual as adopted by the Department of Human Services
48 and transit districts or regional transportation corporations
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2 that provide public transportation within one or more
municipalities on prescribed routes at prescribed times.