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House of Representatives, March 4, 2003

An Act To Require Insurers To Offer a Discount for Operators of Commercial Vehicles Equipped with Safety Devices

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LEDWIN of Holden.

Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and

Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JODREY of Bethel,

McKENNEY of Cumberland, PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, PERRY of Bangor, TOBIN

of Windham, YOUNG of Limestone.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRS §2902-H** is enacted to read:

6 **§2902-H. Discounted premiums for vehicles equipped with safety devices**

8 **1. Discount; approved safety devices.** Any rates, rating
10 schedules or rating manuals for the liability, personal injury
12 protection and collision coverages of a commercial motor vehicle
14 insurance policy submitted to or filed with the bureau must
provide for an appropriate discount in premium charges for such
coverages if the vehicle is equipped with a safety device
approved by the bureau under subsection 2.

16 **2. Approval by bureau.** A person who has developed a safety
18 device shall apply to the bureau for approval of that safety
20 device for use in a commercial motor vehicle. On an annual
basis, the bureau shall make public a list of approved safety
devices.

22 **3. Rules.** The bureau shall adopt rules to develop criteria
24 to evaluate and approve safety devices for use in commercial
26 motor vehicles. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter 2-A.

28 **SUMMARY**

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32 This bill requires insurers to offer an appropriate discount
34 on commercial motor vehicle insurance coverage for commercial
vehicles equipped with safety devices approved by the Bureau of
Insurance.