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S.P. 16

In Senate, January 11, 2005

An Act To Promote Access to Transportation for Seniors

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DUDLEY of Portland and
Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, DAMON of Hancock, DIAMOND of Cumberland,
STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of
Falmouth, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, FISHER of Brewer.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §951, sub-§4.** as amended by PL 1999, c. 631,
5 §1, is further amended to read:

6 **4. Exemptions.** Financial institutions, as defined in Title
7 9-B, section 131, subsections 17 and 17-A, are exempt from the
8 requirements of this section when selling vehicles repossessed
9 and sold by full-time employees of the institution. Financial
10 institutions that do not use full-time employees to repossess and
11 sell vehicles must use dealers licensed pursuant to this chapter.

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13 Any public or nonprofit organization that, for the purpose of
14 making vehicles available to low-income persons, accepts donated
15 vehicles and provides them to low-income persons at a cost that
16 is no more than the cost of ensuring that the vehicle is in good
17 operating condition is exempt from the requirements of this
18 section. A public or nonprofit organization that transfers a
19 vehicle under this subsection is subject to the provisions of
20 Title 10, chapter 217 and shall register with the Secretary of
21 State and maintain a certificate of training as required by the
22 Secretary of State.

23 Any public or nonprofit organization whose sole or primary
24 purpose is to provide transportation for persons 65 years of age
25 or older that accepts donated vehicles for the purpose of
26 providing that transportation or accepts in trade for
27 transportation services the vehicles belonging to persons 65
28 years of age or older who use those transportation services is
29 exempt from the requirements of this section. A public or
30 nonprofit organization that transfers a vehicle under this
31 subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 10, chapter 217
32 and shall register with the Secretary of State and maintain a
33 certificate of training as required by the Secretary of State.
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36 **SUMMARY**

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38 This bill provides an exemption from dealer licensing laws
39 for public or nonprofit organizations that use automobile
40 donations to provide transportation for older persons or that
41 take personal automobiles in trade from older persons in exchange
42 for transportation services.