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Minority

L.D. 670

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TRANSPORTATION

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 500, L.D. 670, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit Certain Uses of Cellular Telephones and Handheld Electronic Devices while Operating a Motor Vehicle"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2119 in subsection 4 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "licenses" the following: "while operating a commercial vehicle as long as the person is in compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 392'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, clarifies that holders of commercial driver's licenses are exempt from the prohibition against using a handheld cellular telephone and a handheld electronic device while operating a commercial motor vehicle. This amendment also provides that the exemption applies to holders of commercial driver's licenses as long as the person is in compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations, which currently prohibit engaging in texting while driving.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 670

LR 1781(02)

An Act To Prohibit Certain Uses of Cellular Telephones and Handheld Electronic Devices while Operating a Motor Vehicle

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of traffic infractions.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.