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An Act To Exempt Occupants of Antique Autos from Seat Belt Requirements

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York. Cosponsored by Representative COTTA of China and Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, PLUMMER of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, THOMAS of Somerset, TUTTLE of York, Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, GIFFORD of Lincoln, STANLEY of Medway.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** cars that are registered as antique autos may have been manufactured 4 without seat belts; and
- 5 **Whereas,** this legislation exempts drivers and passengers of antique autos from 6 wearing seat belts; and
- 7 Whereas, this legislation must take effect as soon as possible; and

8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 therefore,

- 12 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 13 Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Antique auto. Notwithstanding subsections 3 and 3-A, the operator or any
 passenger of an antique auto registered pursuant to section 457 is not required to be
 secured in a seat belt.

- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 19 SUMMARY
- This bill exempts the driver and passengers of an antique auto registered pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 457 from having to wear seat belts.