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L.D. 1900 (Filing No. S-**383**)

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129TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 652, L.D. 1900, Bill, "An Act To
 Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicle Child Restraint Systems To Allow Certain
 Exceptions"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-B in the 5th line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.)
 by inserting after the following: "secured in a child restraint system" the following: 'with
 an internal harness'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 299, §2, is further amended to read:

A. The operator shall ensure that a child who weighs less than 80 pounds, who is less than 57 inches in height and who is less than 8 years of age is properly secured in a belt positioning seat or other child restraint system in accordance with the child restraint system manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

24 'Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶A-2 is enacted to read:

A-2. The requirements of subsections 2-A, 2-B and 3 do not apply if a child
 passenger has a medical condition that, in the opinion of a physician, nurse
 practitioner, physician assistant or child passenger safety technician with special
 needs training, necessitates that a different child restraint system be used to improve
 the safety of the child. An opinion rendered pursuant to this paragraph must:

- 30 (1) Be made in writing by the physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or
 31 child passenger safety technician with special needs training;
- 32 (2) Recommend a child restraint system that would improve the safety of the
 33 child; and
- 34 (3) Explain the basis of the opinion.

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1 The operator of a motor vehicle transporting a child identified in this paragraph shall 2 ensure the child is properly secured in a child restraint system recommended in the 3 opinion rendered by the physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or child 4 passenger safety technician with special needs training under this paragraph in 5 accordance with the child restraint system manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle 6 manufacturer's instructions.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

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1. It requires that a child restraint system for children 2 years of age or older and weighing less than 55 pounds must have an internal harness.

13 2. It clarifies that children less than 8 years of age who weigh less than 80 pounds
14 and are less than 57 inches in height must be properly secured in a belt positioning seat or
15 other child restraint system.

3. It clarifies that a child with a medical condition that, in the written opinion of a
 physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or child passenger safety technician with
 special needs training, necessitates that a different child restraint system be used is
 required to be secured in a child restraint system recommended in the opinion.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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> Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'h'' (S-389) Committee: Transportation Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund Minor revenue decrease - General Fund Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Minor reduction of workload associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system.

Reductions in the collection of fine and/or fee revenue may decrease General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.