

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 699

In Senate, January 8, 2020

**An Act To Allow the Assignment of State Vehicles to Field  
Personnel Directly Concerned with Maine National Guard Facilities  
and To Allow State Vehicles Assigned to Military Bureau Employees  
To Be Used for Commuting**

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Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7-A, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §6, is  
3 amended to read:

4 B. Field personnel directly concerned with the maintenance and operation of  
5 highway or Maine National Guard facilities who are frequently called for emergency  
6 duty at other than regular working hours;

7 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7-B,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. CCC, §1, is further  
8 amended to read:

9 **§7-B. Use of state vehicles for commuting**

10 A state-owned or state-leased vehicle may not be used by any employee to commute  
11 between home and work, except for those vehicles authorized and assigned to employees  
12 of the Baxter State Park Authority and of the Department of Defense, Veterans and  
13 Emergency Management, Military Bureau as designated by the Commissioner of  
14 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and to law enforcement officials within  
15 the following organizational units: Bureau of State Police; Maine Drug Enforcement  
16 Agency; Office of the State Fire Marshal; the division within the Department of Public  
17 Safety designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety to enforce the law relating to the  
18 manufacture, importation, storage, transportation and sale of all liquor and to administer  
19 those laws relating to licensing and collection of taxes on malt liquor and wine; Bureau of  
20 Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Marine Patrol; the forest protection unit within the Bureau of  
21 Forestry; Bureau of Warden Service; Bureau of Parks and Lands; and the Office of Chief  
22 Medical Examiner, the investigation division and the Medicaid fraud control unit within  
23 the Office of the Attorney General.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows the assignment of state vehicles to field personnel directly concerned  
26 with the maintenance and operation of Maine National Guard facilities who are  
27 frequently called for emergency duty outside of regular hours. It also allows Department  
28 of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Military Bureau employees  
29 designated by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to  
30 use state vehicles to commute between home and work.