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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 370, L.D. 575, "An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 436, §1, is further amended to read:

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A-1. The requirements of subsection 3-A do not apply to a driver or passenger who has a medical condition that, in the opinion of a physician, warrants an exemption from the requirements of subsection 3-A and that medical condition and opinion are documented by a certificate from that physician. That certificate is valid for the period designated by the physician, which may not exceed ~~one year~~ 6 years. The Secretary of State may issue a removable windshield placard that is visible to law enforcement officers to a person with a certificate from a physician. A removable windshield placard is a 2-sided permit designed to hang from the rearview mirror when the vehicle is in motion without obstructing the view of the operator. The placard must be displayed by hanging it from the rearview mirror so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of the vehicle when the vehicle is in motion. If the vehicle is not equipped with a rearview mirror, the placard must be displayed on the dashboard. The placard must be identifiable as a seat belt placard as designed by the Secretary of State. A placard issued to a person under this paragraph expires when the physician's certificate expires.

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Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

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Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

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Initiative: Provides one-time funding to modify information technology systems.

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HIGHWAY FUND

2023-24

2024-25

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All Other

\$10,387

\$0

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL \$10,387 \$0

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment, beginning January 1, 2024, allows a physician to designate the duration of the applicant's medical condition for the purpose of allowing an exemption from the seat belt requirements for adult drivers and passengers for a period not to exceed 6 years.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 575

LR 751(02)

An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-56)*

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

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

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$10,387	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Highway Fund	\$10,387	\$0	\$0	\$0

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

There may be a minor reduction of workload associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system.

A reduction in fine revenue associated with increasing the allowable duration of an exemption from seat belt requirements for persons with a medical condition will decrease General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time Highway Fund allocation of \$10,387 to the Department of the Secretary of State to modify information technology systems.