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H.P. 1332

House of Representatives, December 22, 2023

**An Act to Amend the Application of the Law Requiring Motor
Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Cover Towing and Storage
Charges for Certain Vehicles**

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 20, 2023. Referred to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.

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,** this legislation amends the application section in Public Law 2023, chapter
4 395, Part A, which provides that certain towing and storage charge coverage requirements
5 apply to all motor vehicle liability insurance policies executed, delivered, issued for
6 delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after July 1, 2024; and

7 **Whereas,** the 90-day period may not terminate until after July 1, 2024; 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. PL 2023, c. 395, Pt. A, §4** is amended to read:

14 **Sec. A-4. Application.** This Part applies to all motor vehicle liability insurance
15 policies executed, delivered, issued for delivery, ~~continued~~ or renewed in this State on or
16 after July 1, 2024. For purposes of this Part, all policies are deemed to be renewed no later
17 than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
19 takes effect when approved.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 Public Law 2023, chapter 395, Part A requires motor vehicle liability policies issued
22 for certain motor vehicles to provide coverage for certain towing and storage charges
23 incurred as a result of an accident involving the insured vehicle if the vehicle is towed at
24 the request of a law enforcement officer. Chapter 395, Part A includes an application
25 section that provides that those requirements apply to all motor vehicle liability insurance
26 policies executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or
27 after July 1, 2024. This bill amends the application section to remove the term "continued."