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Legislative Document

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H. P. 1492

House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Webber of Auburn.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to School Buses.

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

Sec. 1. School buses to be painted distinguishing colors. All motor vehicles known, denominated or used as school buses, for hire, for the transportation of school children, or owned by any political subdivision and used for the purpose of transporting school children to and from school shall be painted as follows:

All visible parts of the chassis and $\frac{2}{5}$ of the body shall be painted red; the middle $\frac{1}{5}$ of the body painted white and the upper $\frac{2}{5}$ of the body and top painted blue.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any vehicle using the public highway for purposes other than the transportation of school children to paint or in any other way designate his, its or their vehicle in the manner described in section 1 hereof, and any person, firm or corporation violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 3. Contracts. The trustees or other governing body of the district or political subdivision whose duty it is to let contracts for the transportation of school children shall provide in each contract that the color scheme of the motor vehicle doing the transportation shall be as provided in section 1 hereof. In the event of contracts existing at the effective date of this act, the trustees or other governing body shall appropriate sufficient money to the holders of said contracts so that the motor vehicles being used may be repainted in accordance with section 1 hereof. In the event the owner of said motor vehicle used for the transportation of school children fails or refuses, within 30 days after receipt of sufficient paint, to repaint the said motor vehicle, said owner shall not be permitted to transport school children in said bus nor in any other conveyance nor shall he be paid for such transportation.