# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## NINETY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

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H. P. 1401 House of Representatives, February 19, 1947.

Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Foley of Winterport by request.

#### STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN

### AN ACT Relating to Safety Devices.

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

R. S., c. 19, §§ 118-A - 118-D, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 118-A to 118-D, to read as follows:

'Sec. 118-A. Purpose. Most motor vehicle accidents upon the public highways are caused by the loss of control of the steering mechanism, and "The Woodman Life Saver" prevents the axle from sliding rearwardly should an adjacent spring or spring bolt of the vehicle break or should a front axle slip rearwardly throwing the steering mechanism out of control.

Sec. 118-B. "The Woodman Life Saver." All busses and trucks of every kind and nature engaged in public transportation, or operated on the highways of Maine, shall be equipped with the safety device known as "The Woodman Life Saver." All manufacturers of trucks and busses built for the trade for the market beginning with the year 1948 for use on the highways of Maine, shall equip such trucks and busses with "The Woodman Life Saver".

Sec. 118-C. Application. All trucks and busses engaged in public transportation or operated on the public highways in Maine at the time of the effective date of sections 118-A to 118-D, inclusive, shall be equipped with "The Woodman Life Saver" within 6 months after the effective date of sections 118-A to 118-D, inclusive, and failure to do so shall be deemed prima facie evidence of negligence.

Sec. 118-D. Penalty. Penalty upon conviction for violation of the provisions of sections 118-A to 118-D, inclusive, shall be by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or by both fine and imprisonment.'