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CHAPTER 2

H. P. 7 — L. D. 13

AN ACT to Clarify the Requirements Relating to Identification of School Buses.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Portland Transit District, which is subsidized by federal funding, has a contract with the Cities of Portland and South Portland to transport children to school; and

Whereas, there are federal requirements that the buses of any transit district receiving federal subsidy not be marked as school buses; and

Whereas, present state statute requires that any bus, including any bus of a transit district, which transports school children must be marked as a school bus; and

Whereas, buses of the Portland Transit District which are used to transport school children are presently marked as school buses; and

Whereas, federal authorities have indicated that unless these buses comply with federal requirements by June 30, 1979, the federal subsidy to the transit district will cease; and

Whereas, stopping of this federal subsidy would require the Cities of Portland and South Portland to engage in an expensive and unnecessary purchase of school buses; and

Whereas, it is the judgment of the Legislature that the state statute need not require transit district buses to comply with school bus marking requirements; and

Whereas, an amendment to state statute exempting transit district buses must be effective by June 30, 1979, in order to ensure the continuation of federal subsidy; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA § 2020, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 224, is amended to read:

§ 2020. Exception

School buses which are operated by a motor carrier holding a certificate of public convenience from the Public Utilities Commission, while transporting school children, shall comply with all of the requirements of school buses, except that they shall be exempted from the vehicle color requirements. School buses which are operated by a transit district, **as defined in Title 30, section 4977**, shall be exempted from the **school bus marking**, emergency door, lateral seating and color requirements of this subchapter, **except that the school buses shall continue to use signal lamps as required by section 2012, subsection 1, paragraph D.**

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective February 9, 1979

CHAPTER 3

H. P. 56 — L. D. 65

AN ACT to Increase the Limitation on Contracts which the County Commissioners may Enter into for Purchases and Constructions without Competitive Bidding.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1816, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 731, is further amended to read:

A. The procurement of services, supplies, materials and equipment required involves the expenditure of less than \$250 **or less than \$500 for purchases by county commissioners pursuant to Title 30, section 304** and the interests of the State would best be served thereby;

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 304, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 219, is amended to read:

Any contract for construction, renovation or improvement of county buildings or facilities involving a total cost of ~~\$2,000~~ **\$2,500** or more shall be awarded by a system of competitive bidding.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 304, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 219, is amended to read:

The county commissioners shall make all purchases over ~~\$250~~ **\$500** of services, supplies, materials and equipment needed by the county, or any department or agency thereof, by competitive bidding.

Effective September 14, 1979