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CHAPTER 10
S.P. 55 - L.D. 169

**An Act To Allow a Newly
Licensed Driver To Transport
a Foreign Exchange Student
Who Lives with That Driver's
Family**

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

Whereas, families have exchange students living with them and attending school with family members; and

Whereas, due to the way the law is written now, the exchange student is not allowed to ride in a vehicle with a person that is under 18 years of age; and

Whereas, this causes a hardship for the families; 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:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1311, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 286, §4, is amended to read:

A. Carry passengers other than immediate family members unless accompanied by a licensed operator who meets the requirements of section 1304, subsection 1, paragraph E. For the purpose of this paragraph, "immediate family member" includes a foreign exchange student that is living with the immediate family;

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

Effective March 23, 2009.

CHAPTER 11
S.P. 23 - L.D. 64

**An Act To Amend the
Requirements for the Livable
Wage Report**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1405, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 363, §2, is amended to read:

1. Calculation. By ~~December 31, 2007~~ July 31, 2009 and ~~annually~~ biennially thereafter, the department shall calculate livable wages for households in the State's counties and metropolitan statistical areas by family size and as statewide averages by developing an annual basic needs budget for the following family sizes:

- A. Single person;
- B. Single parent and one child;
- C. Single parent and 2 children;
- D. Two parents, with one earner and 2 children; and
- E. Two parents, with 2 earners and 2 children.

By ~~January 30, 2008~~ December 31, 2009 and ~~annually~~ biennially thereafter, the department shall report the livable wages calculated pursuant to this subsection to the Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 12
H.P. 128 - L.D. 149

**An Act To Amend the Laws
Relating to the Maine Jobs
Council**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 114, §10, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§5-B, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 683, Pt. D, §9, is amended to read:

A. The committee shall:

- (1) Advise, consult and assist the executive and legislative branches of State Government on activities of State Government that affect the employment of disabled individuals. The committee is solely advisory in nature. The committee may advise regarding state and federal plans and proposed budgetary, legislative or policy actions affecting disabled individuals;
- (2) Serve as an advocate on behalf of disabled citizens promoting and assisting activities designed to further equal opportunity for people with disabilities;
- (3) Conduct educational programs considered necessary to promote public understand-