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### **An Act To Remove a Barrier to Response by Emergency Medical Personnel**

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SULLIVAN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton and  
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, HOBBS of York,  
President RAYE of Washington, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, THOMAS of Somerset,  
Representative: CUSHING of Hampden.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§6, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 34, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. The operator of a taxicab or a limousine is not responsible for securing in a seat  
5 belt a passenger transported for a fee; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§6, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 34, §1, is  
7 amended to read:

8 C. A newspaper delivery person is not required to be secured in a seat belt while  
9 engaged in the actual delivery of newspapers from a vehicle or performing newspaper  
10 delivery duties that require frequent entry into and exit from a vehicle; and

11 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§6, ¶D** is enacted to read:

12 D. An emergency medical services person is not required to be secured in a seat belt  
13 while engaged in duties within the person's official capacities in a vehicle providing  
14 transportation to a medical facility.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides an exception from the seat belt requirement for emergency medical  
17 personnel who are providing treatment to patients being transported to a medical facility.