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An Act To Incentivize Legislative Carpooling

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston, SHEATS of Auburn, TEPLER of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §5** is enacted to read:

3 **§5. Travel allowance for carpooling**

4 Notwithstanding the mileage allowance rate imposed under section 2, the daily
5 mileage allowance rate per mile paid to a Legislator who transports one or more other
6 Legislators as passengers must be increased by 25% per Legislator traveling as a
7 passenger. The increased reimbursement rate applies only to the portion of the trip during
8 which a Legislator traveling as a passenger is present in the vehicle. Notwithstanding
9 section 2, a Legislator who is a passenger of another Legislator receiving a daily mileage
10 allowance increased pursuant to this section is not entitled to any actual daily mileage
11 allowance relating to travel as a passenger.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill provides for an increased mileage reimbursement rate for Legislators who
14 transport other Legislators in a car pool to or from legislative meetings and sessions. The
15 bill provides for a 25% increase in the rate paid per mile for each additional passenger
16 and specifies that the passenger is not eligible for mileage reimbursement.