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**STATE OF MAINE  
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131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 370, L.D. 575, “An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶A-1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 436, §1, is further amended to read:

A-1. The requirements of subsection 3-A do not apply to a driver or passenger who has a medical condition that, in the opinion of a physician, warrants an exemption from the requirements of subsection 3-A and that medical condition and opinion are documented by a certificate from that physician. That certificate is valid for the period designated by the physician, which may not exceed ~~one year~~ 6 years. The Secretary of State may issue a removable windshield placard that is visible to law enforcement officers to a person with a certificate from a physician. A removable windshield placard is a 2-sided permit designed to hang from the rearview mirror when the vehicle is in motion without obstructing the view of the operator. The placard must be displayed by hanging it from the rearview mirror so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of the vehicle when the vehicle is in motion. If the vehicle is not equipped with a rearview mirror, the placard must be displayed on the dashboard. The placard must be identifiable as a seat belt placard as designed by the Secretary of State. A placard issued to a person under this paragraph expires when the physician's certificate expires.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to modify information technology systems.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$10,387	\$0

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HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$10,387	\$0
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**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment, beginning January 1, 2024, allows a physician to designate the duration of the applicant's medical condition for the purpose of allowing an exemption from the seat belt requirements for adult drivers and passengers for a period not to exceed 6 years.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**