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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

S.P. 313 - L.D. 1081

An Act Regarding Smoking in Vehicles When a Minor Is Present

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2120, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 165, §9, is amended to read:

§2120. Smoking in vehicles when minor under 16 years of age is present

1. Definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, weed, plant, regulated narcotic or other combustible substance.

2. Prohibition. Smoking is prohibited in a motor vehicle by the operator or a passenger when a person who has not attained 16 years of age <u>minor</u> is present in that motor vehicle, regardless of whether the motor vehicle's windows are open.

3. Prohibition on inspection or search. A motor vehicle, the contents of the motor vehicle or the operator or a passenger in the motor vehicle may not be inspected or searched solely because of a violation of this section.

4. Penalty. A person who violates subsection 2 commits a traffic infraction for which a fine of \$50 must be adjudged.