**An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in a Motor Vehicle**

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

**Sec.** **1. 29-A MRSA §2122** is enacted to read:

**§****2122.** **Unattended child in a motor vehicle**

**1.** **Prohibition.**  A person who is a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a minor who has not attained 10 years of age may not intentionally, knowingly or recklessly leave the minor unattended inside a motor vehicle under conditions that present a substantial health or safety risk to the minor.

**2.** **Penalties.**  A violation of this section is a traffic infraction for which a fine of not more than $50 for the first offense, not more than $100 for the 2nd offense and not more than $250 for the 3rd and subsequent offenses may be adjudged.

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a minor who has not attained 10 years of age from intentionally, knowingly or recklessly leaving that minor in a motor vehicle under conditions that present a substantial health or safety risk to the minor. Violating this law is a traffic infraction for which a fine of not more than $50 for the first offense, not more than $100 for the 2nd offense and not more than $250 for the 3rd and subsequent offenses may be adjudged.