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	FIRST REGULAR SESSION	
	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATU	IRE
Legislativ	re Document	No. 693
H.P. 540	House of Representatives, F	February 10, 1983
Referr ordered pr	red to the Committee on Education, sent up for coninted.	ncurrence and
	EDWIN	H. PERT, Clerk
Presented	by Representative Locke of Sebec.	
	STATE OF MAINE	
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THRE	Œ
of	AN ACT to Permit Persons Under 18 y age who pass the Test for General onal Development to Receive a High Equivalency Certificate at that Ti	Educa- School
Be it en follows	nacted by the People of the State c	of Maine as
	A MRSA §257, sub-§1, as enacted by 5 and 8, is repealed and the follow place:	
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C. Have completed a formal training program approved by the commissioner.

The commissioner shall issue the certificate required by this subsection upon completion of the requirements of this subsection or as soon thereafter as possible.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

Currently, state law does not allow the commissioner to issue high school equivalence diplomas to anyone less than 18 years old, even though they have passed their General Educational Development Test and have met all other requirements. This bill removes that requirement and requires the commissioner to issue the certificate as soon as the requirements have been met. All other requirements for issuance of the certificate remain the same.

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