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JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Reny of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Recognition of Certain Motor Vehicle Licenses Held by  
Members of Armed Forces or Their Spouses.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent undue hardship for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses, who under certain circumstances have valid motor vehicle operators' licenses issued either by the United States Government or some other state; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**R. S., T. 29, § § 535-A, - 535-B, additional.** Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, 535-A and 535-B, to read as follows:

**§ 535-A. Recognition of certain licenses for members of the Armed Forces**

The provisions of this Title relative to the obtaining and possession of a license to operate a motor vehicle in this State shall not apply to a person on active duty in the Armed Forces, provided that such person has in his possession a valid operator's license issued by his state of domicile, or if returning from duty outside the United States, has a valid operator's license in his possession issued by the Armed Forces of the United States in foreign countries, but such Armed

Forces license shall be valid only for a period of 45 days after the licensee has returned to the United States.

**§ 535-B. Recognition for out-of-state licenses held by spouses of members of the Armed Forces**

The provisions of this Title relative to the obtaining and possession of a license to operate a motor vehicle in this State shall not apply to the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is accompanying such member on military or naval assignment to this State, who has a valid operator's license issued by another state, and whose right to drive has not been suspended or revoked in this State. Such exemption shall not apply to a spouse who is a resident of this State.

**Emergency clause..** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.