

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 6, 1977

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Ms. Clark of Freeport.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT to Require the Use of Auto Simulators in Driver Education Programs.**

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

29 MRSA § 583, 1st sentence is amended to read:

No operator's license shall be issued to any person under 17 years of age unless such person shall present a certificate of successful completion of a driver education course and examination, **which course shall include driver training and examination by use of a driving simulator of a type approved by the Secretary of State**, given by the public secondary schools and academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291; or certificate of successful completion of a driver education course and examination, **which course shall include driver training and examination by use of a driving simulator of a type approved by the Secretary of State**, given by some person or persons licensed by the Secretary of State.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would require the use of auto simulators in driver education programs. The use of auto simulators is one of the key elements in providing

the experiences of driving without the physical hazard during the learning process. The instructor can immediately spot student weaknesses in steering, stopping, changing lanes, reversing and all the fundamentals of driving, as well as exposing the learner to sudden dangers, icy roads, rain and other drivers. The ultimate goal is the decline in traffic accidents, deaths and bodily injury.