

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-274) 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $\hat{H}$ " to H.P. 237, L.D. 283, Bill, "AN ACT to Prohibit a School District from Offering Driver Education Courses for a Fee to a Student when a Duly Licensed Commercial School is Available."

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Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Provide for Temporary Driver Education Teacher Certification.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, school administrative units must plan driver education courses for the 1979-80 school year prior to September 1979; and

Whereas, some administrative units may be able to offer driver education courses solely because of the provisions of this Act; and

Whereas, the encouragement of a greater availability of driver education courses is in the best interests of Maine students; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution

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of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'<u>20 MRSA §2455</u> is enacted to read: §2455. Temporary driver education teacher certification

1. Temporary certification. When an instructor duly certified by the State Board of Education is not available, the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services may grant temporary driver education teacher certification to a person licensed by the Secretary of State to teach driver education.

2. Contract authority. Any administrative unit, private school or academy may contract for the provision of driver education with any person certified under this section or any commercial driver education school, provided that the person Committee Amendment "H" to H.P. 237, L.D. 283

offering the instruction for the school shall be certified under this section.

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3. Certification requests; limitation. All requests for temporary certification shall be initiated by the administrative unit. These certificates shall be for not more than one year. All programs conducted under this certification shall be subject to the rules and regulations established under this chapter.

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

Statement of Fact The purpose of this legislation is to assure all students wishing to take driver education that opportunity by providing for the temporary certification of commercial driving instructors.

Reported by the Committee on Education Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 4/26/79 (Filing No. H-274)