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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $\oint$ " to H.P. 1162, L.D. 1427, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Driver's Education for the Physically Disabled."

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 713, sub-c. II is enacted to read:

## SUBCHAPTER II

DRIVER EDUCATION FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

§3071. Maintenance of vehicle; driver education for physically handicapped; assistance in providing driver education

 Maintenance of vehicle. The commissioner or his designee is authorized to maintain at all times at least one vehicle which is equipped to be operated by physically handicapped persons, as defined in Title 29, section 252.

2. Driver education. This vehicle may be loaned with or without charge, as follows:

A. To any public secondary school offering a driver education course when that school has physically handicapped students enrolled who wish to take the course; or

B. To any public or private agency offering a driver education course for physically handicapped persons.

3. Use of vehicle; determination. The commissioner or his designee shall determine the schools or agencies which shall receive the vehicle so that the most equitable use of the vehicle is ensured throughout the State.

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4. Provision of driver education. The commissioner or his designee is authorized to provide driver education programs for physically handicapped persons.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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## HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Rehabilitation

All Other

\$10,000'

## Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

 Authorize the Commissioner of Human Services to maintain a vehicle which is equipped to be operated by physically handicapped persons;

2. Provide for the loan of the vehicle to secondary schools and other state or local agencies which are offering driver education courses to physically handicapped persons; and

3. Authorize the commissioner to directly provide driver education programs.

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