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- Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 3 Sec. 1. 28 MRSA §2, sub-§11, as amended by PL 1977, c. 23, §1, is further amended to read:
- 5 11. Minor. "Minor" shall mean means a person who has not attained his 20th 21st birthday.
- 7 Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §201, as amended by PL 1983, c.
 8 79, §1, is further amended to read:

§201. Eligibility

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No license may be issued to any natural person such that person is at least 20 21 years of age and is a citizen of the United States and of this State. A part-time license, as authorized by law, may be issued to any natural person who is at least 29 21 years of age and is a citizen of the United States. No license may be issued to a partnership or to an association unless all persons having an interest therein are at least 20 21 years of age and citizens of the United States and of this State. A part-time license, as authorized by law, may be sued to a partnership or association if all persons having an interest therein are at least 20 21 of age and are citizens of the United States. No license may be issued to any corporation unless it shall be incorporated under the laws of this State or authorized to transact business in this State. No license may be issued to a corporation any of the principal officers of which would not personally be eligible for a liquor license because such officer had had a license for sale of liquor revoked. No person, who is not at the time of the offense the holder of a liquor license, convicted of violating any of the laws of this State or the United States with respect manufacture, transportation, importation, possession or sale of intoxicating liquor may be granted a for sale of liquor for a period of 5 years from the date of such conviction, and no person who sells liquor of a greater alcoholic content than authorized by his license may be considered the holder of a license for the purposes of this sentence. No clerk, servant or agent of a licensee, who

victed of sale of liquor on Sunday, may himself be granted a license for sale of liquor for a period not exceeding 5 years from the date of such conviction. person whose license for sale of liquor expires pending an appeal from conviction of a violation of law forbidding sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday, by himself or his clerk, servant or agent, on his lipremises, may, after subsequent final conviccensed tion of himself, clerk, servant or agent be eligible liquor license for a period not exceeding 5 years from the date of such final conviction. No license may be issued in which any law enforcement official benefits financially either directly or indirectly.

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Sec. 3. 28 MRSA §303, as amended by PL 1983, c. 81, is further amended to read:

§303. Credit sales; sales to certain persons restricted

No licensee by himself, clerk, servant or agent shall may sell or offer to sell any liquor except for cash, excepting credits extended by a hotel or club fide registered guests or members; and exbona cepting credits extended by a hotel or class Α taurant to the holder of a credit card which authorizes such holder to charge goods or credits. right of action shall may exist to collect claims for extended contrary to this section. Nothing herein contained shall may prohibit a licensee giving credit to a purchaser for the actual price charged for packages or original containers as a credit on any sale, or from paying the amount actually charged for packages or original containers.

No licensee by himself, clerk, servant or agent shall may sell, offer to sell or furnish any liquor to any person on a passbook or store order, or receive from any person any goods, wares, merchandise or other articles in exchange for liquor, except only such packages or original containers as were originally purchased from such licensee by the person returning the same. No licensee, by himself, clerk, servant or agent entitled to sell malt liquor or table wine not to be consumed on the premises, shall may sell, furnish, give or deliver such malt liquor

table wine to any person visibly intoxicated, to any mentally ill person, to a known habitual any pauper, to persons of known intemperate habits or to any minor under the age of 20 21 No licensee by himself, clerk, servant or agent shall may sell, furnish, give, serve or permit to be served any liquor to be consumed on the premises to any pervisibly intoxicated, to any mentally ill person, to a known habitual drunkard, to any pauper, to perof known intemperate habits or to any minor under the age of 20 21 years. Any licensee who accepts an order or receives payment for liquor from a shall be considered as in violation of this paragraph.

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Any person under the age of 20 21 years who purany intoxicating liquor or any person under the age of 20 21 years who consumes any intoxicating liquor or has on his or her person any intoxicating liquor in any on-sale premises, or who presents offers to any licensee, his agent or employee any written or oral evidence of age which is false. or not actually his own, for the purpose fraudulent of ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase or otherwise procuring or attempting to procure, the serving of any intoxicating liquor, or who has intoxicating liquor in his possession except in the scope of his or her employment on any street or highway, or in any public place or in any automobile, a civil violation for which a forfeiture may commits be adjudged of no less than \$100 nor more than the first offense; not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 for the 2nd offense; and \$500 for the subsequent offenses. If a minor is charged with illegal possession under this section, he may not be charged with illegal transportation. No minor may be charged with more than one offense under this section any given instance wherein the same set of facts is involved.

39 Sec. 4. 28 MRSA §1001, as amended by PL 1977, c. 40 23, §§7 and 8, is further amended to read:

§1001. Transportation restricted

No person under the age of 20 21 years shall may knowingly transport or knowingly permit to be trans-

ported any intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle under his control except in the scope of his or her employment, or at the request of his or her parent or quardian.

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No person under the age of 20 21 years shall may be convicted of any offense under this section if intoxicating liquors are found outside the passenger or driver's section of a motor vehicle under his control unless said person has actual knowledge of the presence of said liquors. The trunk or locked glove compartment of any vehicle shall not be construed under this section to be within the passenger or driver's section thereof.

Any violation of this section shall be a traffic infraction.

Sec. 5. 28 MRSA §1060, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 506, §2, is amended to read:

Any resident of the State or nonresident State 20 21 years of age or over may make application the Secretary of State for an official state nondriver identification card under Title 5, upon a form provided by the Secretary of State. The application form shall include, directly signature line, the following notice to the applicant: "I understand that false statements made this form are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this form is a Class D offense Title 17-A, punishable by confinement of up to one year or by monetary fine of up to \$500, or by both." The Secretary of State, upon receipt of an application and such supporting documents and information as he may require, shall issue an identification card to the applicant bearing his photograph, together with his name, address, date of birth and information and identification as he may deem necessary. The identification card issued under this section shall not be valid until signed by the applicant. The fee for an identification card shall be \$2.

Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §2241-G, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 478, is amended to read:

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- Licensee 21 years of age and older. The original state license issued to a new applicant 20 21 years of age and older shall be a provisional license for a period of one year following the date of issue and shall remain in force as a nonprovisional license to the next normal expiration date. If a person convicted of or adjudicated to have committed a motor vehicle moving violation while in possession of a provisional license on the first offense, the license shall be suspended for 30 days. If he is convicted of or adjudicated to have committed a 2nd moving violation, his license shall be suspended for 60 days and if he is convicted of or adjudicated to have committed a 3rd moving violation, the license shall suspended to the 2nd birthday next following the date issue or for 90 days, whichever shall be the of longer period of time. In these cases, a hearing may be requested of the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State shall afford the provisional licensee opportunity for hearing as soon as practicable after receipt of the request. Upon the hearing, the Secretary of State, for good cause shown, may continue, modify or rescind the suspension. This subsection shall not prevail when a person is convicted of or adjudicated to have committed an offense which carries a suspension or revocation period greater than that prescribed in this subsection.
- Sec. 7. 29 MRSA §2241-G, sub-§2, as amended by
 PL 1983, c. 850, §4, is further amended to read:
- 2. Licensee under 21 years of age. The original license or any renewal license issued to an applicant under 20 21 years of age shall be a provisional license for a period of one year following the date of issue or until the licensee attains the age of 20 21 years of age, whichever occurs last. Upon expiration of the provisionary term, the license shall remain in force as a nonprovisional license to the next normal expiration date. Any license issued by any other jurisdiction to a person who has not yet attained the age of 20 21 years shall be construed to be a provisional license for the purpose of operating a motor vehicle within this State.

A. During the first year from the date of issue of the provisional license, if a person is convicted of or adjudicated to have committed a tor vehicle moving violation, on the first offense, the license shall be suspended for If he is convicted of or adjudicated to days. have committed a 2nd moving violation, his cense shall be suspended for 60 days and if he is convicted of or adjudicated to have committed a 3rd moving violation, the license shall be pended to the 2nd birthday next following the date of issue or for 90 days, whichever shall be longer period of time. In these cases, a hearing may be requested of the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State shall afford the provisional licensee opportunity for hearing as soon as practicable after receipt of the re-Upon the hearing, the Secretary of State, quest. for good cause shown, may continue, modify or rescind the suspension. This paragraph shall prevail when a person is convicted of or adjudicated to have committed an offense which carries suspension or revocation period greater than that prescribed in this paragraph.

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- B. Except where a longer period of suspension is otherwise provided by law, the Secretary of State shall suspend for a period of one year, without preliminary hearing, the provisional license of any person who has not attained his 20th 21st birthday:
 - (1) As to whom there is received a record of conviction or adjudication for violation of section 1312-B or 1312-C or Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph F; or
 - (2) As to whom he determines has operated or attempted to operate a motor vehicle while having 0.02% or more by weight of alcohol in his blood.
- C. Any person not having attained his 20th 21st birthday who operates or attempts to operate a motor vehicle within this State shall have the duty to submit to a test to determine his blood-alcohol level by analysis of his blood or

breath, if there is probable cause to believe he has operated or attempted to operate a motor ve-hicle while having 0.02% or more by weight of al-in his blood. The provisions of section 1312 shall apply, except that in all cases proba-ble cause shall be to believe that the person was operating or attempting to operate a motor vehi-cle while having 0.02% or more by weight of alco-hol in his blood and that the person had not attained his 20th 21st birthday, and except suspension for failing to comply with the duty to submit to the test shall be for a period of one year.

- D. The Secretary of State shall make the determination of suspension as follows:
 - (1) The Secretary of State shall suspend the provisional license of any person who has not attained his 20th 21st birthday, and the right to apply for or obtain a license of any such person upon his determination that the person operated or attempted to operate a motor vehicle with 0.02% or more by weight of alcohol in the blood. The suspension shall be for a period of one year and shall continue until satisfaction of any conditions imposed pursuant to paragraph I or 0.
 - (2) The Secretary of State shall make a determination on the basis of the information required in paragraph E and this determination shall be final unless a hearing is requested and held. If a hearing is held, the Secretary of State shall review the matter and make a final determination on the basis of evidence received at the hearing.
 - (3) The determination of these facts by the Secretary of State is independent of the determination of the same or similar facts in the adjudication of any civil or criminal charges arising out of the same occurrence. The disposition of those civil or criminal charges shall not affect any suspension under this section. Statements made by the li-

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of State shall not be introduced by the
State in its case in chief in any prosecution for violation of section 1312-B, 1312-C
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- E. A law enforcement officer shall forward a report to the Secretary of State as follows.
 - A law enforcement officer who had probable cause to believe any person who had not attained his 20th 21st birthday was operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle with 0.02% or more by weight of alcohol in the blood shall immediately forward to the Secretary of State a report, under oath all information relevant to the enforcement action, including information which quately identifies the person, a statement of the officer's grounds for belief that the person committed the offense of operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle while having 0.02% or more by weight of alcohol in the blood, and a certificate under section of 1312, subsection 8, of the result blood-alcohol test by a self-contained breath-alcohol testing apparatus which conducted and which shows the presence of 0.02% or more by weight of alcohol in the blood.
 - (2) The report required in this subsection shall be made on forms supplied by or approved by the Secretary of State.
 - (3) If the blood-alcohol test was not analyzed by a law enforcement officer, the person who analyzed the results shall cause a copy of his certificate under section 1312, subsection 8, to be sent to the Secretary of State.
 - F. The notice of suspension by the Secretary of State shall be made as follows.

(1) Upon receipt of the information required in paragraph E, the Secretary of State shall make the determination described in paragraph D. If the Secretary of State determines that the person is subject to license suspension, he shall immediately issue a notice of suspension.

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- (2) The notice of suspension shall be sent by regular mail to the person at the last known address on record at the Division of Motor Vehicles, or to the address provided in the report of the law enforcement officer if that address differs from the address of record.
- (3) The notice of suspension shall clearly specify the reason and statutory grounds for the suspension, the effective date of the suspension, the right of the person to request a hearing, the procedure for requesting a hearing and the date by which that request for a hearing shall be made. The notice of suspension shall also clearly state that a copy of the report of the law enforcement officer under paragraph E, subparagraph (1), and a copy of the blood-alcohol test certificate under paragraph E, subparagraph (1) or (3), will be provided to the person upon request to the Secretary State.
- G. Effective date and period of suspension.
 - (1) Any suspension imposed shall be effective on a specified date not less than after the mailing of the notification of suspension by the Secretary of State. person whose license is suspended desires to have a hearing, he shall so notify the Secretary of State, in writing, within 10 days from the effective date of the suspen-The suspension shall be stayed for 10 sion. from the effective date of the suspendays sion. If, within 10 days from the effective date of the suspension, the Secretary of State is notified, in writing, of a request

for a hearing, the suspension shall be stayed until a hearing is held and sion is issued. The Secretary of State shall conduct a hearing and issue a decision within 30 days from the date of receipt of a written request for hearing. Failure by the Secretary of State to conduct a hearing and issue a decision within the 30-day period result in an extension of the stay of the Secretary of State's suspension order time as a hearing is conducted until such and a decision issued. Notwithstanding this subsection, there shall be no stay of suspension during the period of any delay of hearing which is caused or requested by the petitioner.

(2) When a person's license is suspended under this section and is also suspended after having been adjudicated or convicted on charges arising out of the same occurrence for a violation of section 1312-B or 1312-C or Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph F, the period of time his license has been suspended under this section prior to the adjudication or conviction shall be deducted from the period of time of any court-imposed suspension ordered pursuant to section 1312-B or 1312-C or Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph F.

H. Upon receipt by the Secretary of State of a petition for a work-restricted license by any person whose license or right to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended pursuant to paragraph B, subparagraph (2), the Secretary of State may stay the suspension during the statutory period and issue a work-restricted license. The issuance of such a license shall be conditioned upon a showing by the petitioner by clear and convincing evidence that such a license is necessary to operate a motor vehicle between the residence and a place of employment or to operate a motor vehicle in the scope of employment, or both, as determined by the Secretary of State and that no alternative means of transportation is available.

Following the expiration of 1/2 of the total period of suspension imposed pursuant to para-graph B, the Secretary of State may issue a provisional license, subject to the conditions, re-strictions or terms he deems advisable, to the person if the Secretary of State receives written notice that the person has satisfactorily com-pleted the alcohol educational program of the Department of Human Services and, when required, has satisfactorily completed an alcohol treatment or rehabilitation program approved or licensed by the department.

- J. A person who has received notice of suspension may request a hearing as follows.
 - (1) Any person who has received a notice of suspension under this section may make a written request for a review of the determination of the Secretary of State at a hearing.
 - (2) The request for hearing shall be made within 10 days from the effective date of the suspension. If a written request for a hearing is made after such date and the Secretary of State finds that the person was unable to make a timely request due to lack of actual notice of the suspension or due to factors of physical incapacity, the Secretary of State shall waive the period of limitation, reopen the matter and grant the hearing request, except, in such a case, a stay of suspension pending the hearing shall not be granted.
- K. The hearing and notice shall be as follows.
 - (1) The hearing and notice shall be as provided in section 2241, subsection 3.
 - (2) The scope of the hearing shall include whether, by a preponderance of the evidence:
 - (a) There was probable cause to believe that the person had not attained his 20th 21st birthday and that the

1 person was operating or attempting to 2 operate a motor vehicle while having 3 0.02% or more by weight of alcohol in 4 his blood; 5 (b) The person operated or attempted 6 to operate a motor vehicle; 7 (c) At such time the person had 0.02% 8 or more by weight of alcohol in his 9 blood; and 10 (d) At such time the person had not 11 attained his 20th 21st birthday. 12 A certificate duly signed and sworn to (3) 13 pursuant to section 1312, subsection shall be prima facie proof of facts stated 14 15 therein and that the person taking a speci-16 men of blood or breath was authorized by 17 section 1312, subsection 6, that the equip-18 ment, chemicals and other materials used in 19 the taking of the blood specimen or a breath 20 sample were of a quality appropriate for the 21 purpose of producing reliable test results, that any equipment, chemicals or materials 22 23 required by section 1312, subsection 6, to 24 be approved by the Department of Human Ser-25 vices were in fact approved, that the sample 26 tested by the person certified under section 27 1312, subsection 6, was in fact the same 28 sample taken and that the percentage by 29 weight of alcohol in the blood was, at the 30 time the blood or breath sample was taken, 31 as stated in the certificate. 32 If it is determined after hearing that 33 there was not the requisite probable cause 34 for blood-alcohol test administration or 35 that the person had attained his 20th 21st 36 birthday at the time of operation or at-37 tempted operation or that the person did not operate or attempt to operate a motor vehi-38 39 cle while having 0.02% or more by weight of 40 alcohol in his blood, the suspension shall

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(5) Any person whose license is suspended under this section on the basis of a blood-alcohol test may, within 30 days after receipt of the decision, appeal to the Superior Court for judicial review as provided in Title 5, sections 11001 to 11008. If the court rescinds the suspension, it shall also order the Secretary of State to delete any record of the suspension.

- L. Any suspension pursuant to this section or license reissued after suspension pursuant to paragraph I may extend beyond the person's 20th 21st birthday to allow for completion of the total suspension period or to continue the period of conditions, restrictions or terms imposed on a license reissued pursuant to paragraph I.
- M. The Secretary of State may promulgate whatever rules are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.
- N. In the event that a person who has not attained his 20th 21st birthday is determined to have operated or attempted to operate a motor vehicle while having 0.10% or more of alcohol in the blood such that both this subsection and section 1311-A apply, this section shall govern to the exclusion of section 1311-A.
- O. Following the expiration of the total period of suspension imposed pursuant to paragraph B, the Secretary of State may issue a provisional license, subject to the conditions, restrictions or terms he deems advisable, to the person if the Secretary of State has received or when he receives written notice that the person has satisfactorily completed the alcohol educational program of the Department of Human Services and, when required, has satisfactorily completed an alcohol treatment or rehabilitation program approved or licensed by the department.
- Sec. 8. Transition. A person who has attained the age of 20 years prior to April 1, 1985, is hereby granted all of the rights accorded by this Act to persons who are 21 years of age or older.

1 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-2 3 proved. 4 STATEMENT OF FACT 5 The purpose of this bill is to raise the legal 6 age for the purchase, transportation, possession or 7 consumption of alcoholic beverages to age 21 years. 8 Adoption of the 21-year drinking age provision is a further step in helping to prevent the needless 9 10 deaths and injuries attributable to drunk drivers which occur each year on our state's highways. 11 12 Maine, drivers under 21 years of age comprise about 13 7% of licensed drivers and they are involved in of all alcohol-related fatalities. 14 15 As further incentive to raise the drinking age, a 16 bill establishing a national uniform drinking age of 17 21 years was signed into law by President Reagan July 17, 1984. Under this new federal legislation, 18 19 Maine must raise its drinking age to 21 years of 20 by September 30, 1986, or lose 5% of its federal highway construction funds, an estimated \$3,000,000. 21 22 This bill amends the relevant portions of the Maine Revised Statutes pertaining to the legal

2.3 24 for purchasing, transporting, possessing and consum-25 ing alcoholic beverages.

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The bill raises the age from 20 years to 21 years for purposes of applying for an official state nondriver identification card.

The bill amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 2241-G in order to place the ".02" law in conformance with the 21-year-old drinking age.