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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1812, L.D. 2480,
Bill, "AN ACT to Regulate the Hiring of School Bus
Drivers."

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Amend the bill in section 1, in that part
designated "§2872." in the 11th and 12th lines (page
2, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.) by striking out the
following: "7 for the preceding 3-year period" and
inserting in its place the following: ', for within
the preceding 3-year 6-year period'

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section
1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2013, sub-§1, ¶B, as repealed
and replaced by PL 1973, c. 780, §4, is amended to
read:

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B. Must be at least ~~18~~ 21 years of age and has
held an operator's license for at least one year.
The minimum age of 21 years does not apply to
school bus operators licensed under this section
as of March 15, 1988;'

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Further amend the bill in section 4, in paragraph
G, in the last line (page 2, line 36 in L.D.) by
inserting after the following: "F" the following: ',
within the preceding 6-year period'

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1 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections
2 to read consecutively.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This amendment makes 2 changes in the bill.
5 First, it clarifies that a person may not be licensed
6 to operate a school bus if that person was convicted
7 of operating under the influence within the prior 6
8 years. Current law prohibits the department from
9 licensing persons who have been convicted within the
10 prior 3 years. The bill would have prohibited any
11 person who ever had an operating under the influence
12 conviction from being a school bus operator. This
13 amendment provides a compromise in that the licensing
14 restriction is increased to 6 years.

15 Second, this amendment raises the minimum age for
16 school bus drivers from 18 to 21 years. Those persons
17 currently licensed as school bus operators who are
18 under 21 years are exempted from this minimum age
19 increase. The requirement that the applicant have at
20 least one year's driving experience is retained from
21 the current law.

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