

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1801

S.P. 682

In Senate, August 21, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on August 17, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Transportation and 1,400 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield and Representative HOGLUND of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act Concerning Operator Licenses Held by Persons 15 Years of Age.

(EMERGENCY)



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

Whereas, recent legislation affecting the ability of 15-year-old persons to obtain and hold motor vehicle operator licenses will take effect September 30, 1989; and

Whereas, that legislation needs to be amended to permit present 15-year-old license applicants to receive and retain their operating privileges; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA §538, as amended by PL 1989, c. 513, §3, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The Secretary of State may issue a license to those individuals 15 years of age who have filed an application for an instruction permit or driver's license with the Secretary of State on or before September 29, 1989. This paragraph shall be repealed October 1, 1990.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows those individuals 15 years of age who have applied for an instruction permit or driver's license to obtain a driver's license since they began the process before the effective date of a law passed in the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.