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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1472, L.D. 2057, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Effectiveness of the Handicapped Parking Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §4208, as amended by PL 1981, c. 292, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The course must include the instruction described in Title 32, section 9602, subsection 6.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §9602, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Required instruction. Every commercial driver education school must inform its students of the existence and the practical purpose of handicapped parking laws and ordinances.

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Commercial Driver Education will incur some minor additional costs. These costs can be absorbed within existing resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment changes the wording of the instruction that must be given in driver education courses with respect to handicapped parking laws. The amendment requires commercial driver education courses and school driver education courses to inform students of the existence of handicapped parking laws and local ordinances and to make students sensitive to the practical

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2 purpose of those laws, including the need to permit sufficient
space for handicapped persons to operate the lifts and other
4 devices on their vehicles to permit entrance and exit from the
vehicles. The amendment also extends the teaching requirement to
6 the defensive driving courses offered by the Department of Public
Safety, to assure that experienced drivers are also educated
about the needs of handicapped persons.

Reported by the Committee on Education
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