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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.

Cosponsored by Representative KETTERER of Madison, Representative CARROLL of Gray and Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Relating to the Restoration of Drivers' Licenses.

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

- 29 MRSA §1311-A, sub-§6, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 850, §1, is amended to read:
- A. Restoration of any license or permit to operate, right to operate a motor vehicle and right to apply for or obtain a license suspended under this section shall must be in accordance with section 1312-D, subsections 2 to 4, except that completion of the alcohol and other drug education, evaluation and treatment program, as defined in Title 22, chapter 1602, may not be a precondition to the restoration of a license or permit if the person whose license or permit was suspended is acquitted by a court of the charges that led to the suspension or if the charges are dismissed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

Under present law, the Secretary of State must suspend a person's license when the Secretary of State determines from the arresting officer's report that the person operated a motor vehicle with an excessive blood-alcohol level. The Secretary of State may not restore the person's license until the person has completed the alcohol and other drug education, evaluation and treatment program, also known as DEEP, regardless of the outcome of the case in court. Therefore, people who are acquitted of operating-under-the-influence offenses are still required to complete the DEEP program.

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This bill eliminates the DEEP completion requirement when a person is acquitted of the charge or when the charge is dismissed.

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