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House of Representatives, April 4, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require a Driver Education Program Curriculum.



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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8702**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 721, §1,
4 is further amended to read:

6 **§8702. Curriculum**

8 A driver education course offered in accordance with section
10 8701 shall must meet the curriculum requirements prescribed by
12 the commissioner, ~~include both classroom instruction and practice~~
14 ~~driving and be approved by the commissioner.~~ ~~The requirements~~
16 ~~prescribed by the commissioner shall be no less rigorous than any~~
18 ~~similar requirements prescribed by the Board of Commercial Driver~~
20 ~~Education and the requirements of Title 32, section 9602,~~
22 ~~subsection 6~~ Secretary of State pursuant to Title 29, section
24 587. No state subsidy, state reimbursement for expenditures on
adult education programs or state reimbursement for adult
vocational education programs may be paid with respect to any
driver education course that has not been approved by the
commissioner. At the request of the commissioner, the Board of
Commercial Driver Education may assist the commissioner in
performing the commissioner's duties under this chapter.

24 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §583, 2nd ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL
26 1989, c. 878, Pt. G, §4, is amended to read:

28 A successful course completion certificate may be issued to
30 any person permitted by law to have an operator's license or a
32 special restricted license provided the course meets the
34 standards ~~adopted by the Commissioner of Education, or, if~~
36 ~~applicable, the commercial driver education school licensing~~
requirements under Title 32, chapter 95 curriculum requirements
38 adopted pursuant to section 587. A successful course completion
certificate shall may not be issued to any person who was not at
least 15 years of age at the commencement of the driver education
course.

38 **Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §587** is enacted to read:

40 **§587. Driver education curriculum requirements**

42 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the
44 Commissioner of Education and the Board of Commercial Driver
46 Education, shall establish and periodically review curriculum
requirements for all public and private driver education programs
and schools in this State.

48 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §9602, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 216,
50 §2, is further amended to read:

2 4. Curriculum at Class A schools. The Class A school
3 curriculum shall ~~consist of~~ must include at least 30 hours of
4 classroom instruction and 6 hours of ~~behind--the--wheel~~
5 behind-the-wheel instruction and conform with curriculum
6 requirements adopted pursuant to Title 29, section 587 before a
7 student may be issued a course completion certificate. Classroom
8 instruction shall must be limited to not more than 4 hours in any
9 one 24-hour period. Instruction in motorcycle safety shall must
10 conform to standards which ~~are~~ established by the board. The
11 instructor and students are required to use seat belts during the
12 behind-the-wheel instruction.

13 Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §9602, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 721,
14 §3, is amended to read:

15 6. Required instruction. Every In addition to conforming
16 to curriculum requirements adopted pursuant to Title 29, section
17 587, every commercial driver education school must inform its
18 students of the existence and the practical purpose of
19 handicapped parking laws and ordinances.
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21 STATEMENT OF FACT

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23 This bill requires the Secretary of State, in consultation
24 with the Commissioner of Education and the Board of Commercial
25 Driver Education, to establish and periodically review curriculum
26 requirements for all public and private driver education programs
27 and schools in this State.
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