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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 672, L.D. 923, Bill, "An Act Authorizing Work-restricted Drivers' Licenses for Certain Habitual Motor Vehicle Law Offenders"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2556, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Ineligibility. A person is not eligible for a work-restricted license if:

A. Habitual offender status is based on a conviction or adjudication under section 2551, subsection 1, paragraph A or section 2557; or

B. The revocation is issued pursuant to section 2555.

Notwithstanding paragraph B, a person whose license is revoked pursuant to section 2555 may petition the Secretary of State for a work-restricted license if the new offense is an operating after suspension conviction and the only reason for the suspension was failure to appear in court to pay a fine or reinstatement fee or to produce evidence of insurance or proof of financial responsibility.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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The minor increase in workload and administrative costs associated with new requests for work-restricted drivers' licenses can be absorbed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the Department of the Secretary of State utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment replaces the bill.

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This amendment allows a person whose license has been revoked pursuant to the continuing liability provisions of the habitual offender law to petition the Secretary of State for a work-restricted license if the new offense is an operating after suspension conviction and the only reason for the suspension was failure to appear in court to pay a fine or reinstatement fee or to produce evidence of insurance or proof of financial responsibility.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill and is the minority report.