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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1299, L.D. 1782, Bill, "An Act to Create the Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1356 is enacted to read:

§1356. Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board

The Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board, as established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 80-A, is created as an advisory board within the Department of the Secretary of State.

1. Membership. The board consists of 11 members appointed to serve 3-year terms as follows:

A. Three members representing the trucking industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;

B. One member who owns 3 or fewer commercial motor vehicles and operates a commercial motor vehicle for a livelihood, appointed by the Secretary of State;

C. One member representing the applied technology centers and applied technology regions, appointed by the Commissioner of Education;

D. One member appointed by the President of the Maine Technical College System;

E. One member appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety;

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2 F. One member who has experience in motor carrier safety,
appointed by the Secretary of State;

4 G. Two members of the general public, appointed by the
Secretary of State; and

6 H. One member who is a member of the joint standing
8 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
10 transportation matters, appointed by the chairs of that
committee. This member may continue to serve on the board
12 after that person's legislative term of office has expired.

14 2. Chair. The board shall elect a chair from among its
members. The chair shall serve a one-year term.

16 3. Duties. The board shall:

18 A. Review the Secretary of State's minimum standards for
20 continuing education and postsecondary instructor
qualifications established in accordance with section 1354;

22 B. Monitor the availability and adequacy of commercial
24 driver postsecondary technical and continuing education
courses; and

26 C. Monitor the availability of block grants and other
28 sources of financial aid that may be available to support
commercial driver training and advise the appropriate state
30 officials of those grants and funding sources.

32 4. Administrative support; expenses. Members serve without
compensation or reimbursement for expenses. The Secretary of
34 State shall provide necessary support services.

36 **Sec. 4. Initial appointments.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised
38 Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1356, subsection 1, the terms of
40 initial appointments for the Motor Carrier Training Advisory
42 Board are as follows: three serve for one year, 4 serve for 2
44 years and 4 serve for 3 years. A person making an initial
appointment to the Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board shall
submit appointee names to the Secretary of State no later than
September 1, 1996. The Secretary of State shall determine the
initial term for each appointee.'

46 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 additional costs associated with providing support services to the Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board can be absorbed by the Department of the Secretary of State utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment establishes the Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board within the Department of the Secretary of State rather than the Department of Transportation. It alters the board's membership to include a commercial driver, an additional member of the public, and a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. It changes the term served to 3 years for each member and provides for staggered initial terms.