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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 77, L.D. 102, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Mandatory Driver Education Course"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Amend the Mandatory Driver Education Course'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1351, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Driver education required for certain minors. Except to operate a moped only and except as provided in subsection 4, a license may not be issued to a person under 17 years of age unless that person presents a certificate of successful completion of an approved driver education course and examination.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1351, sub-§§4 and 5 are enacted to read:

4. Exemption. A person need not present a certificate of successful completion of an approved driver education course if:

A. The closest place that offers an approved driver education course is 15 miles or more from the person's residence;

B. The person passes a written examination before a learner's permit is issued to the person; and

C. The person receives driver training from a parent or guardian who obtains a waiver pursuant to subsection 5.

5. Waiver. A parent or guardian who wishes to teach driver education to a person shall obtain a waiver from the

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2 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may grant a waiver if
3 the parent has no moving violations or convictions for operating
4 under the influence of intoxicants or with an excessive
5 blood-alcohol level for the previous 5 years.'

6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 This amendment may reduce Highway Fund revenue from the
9 reduction in the collection of private and public driver school
10 license fees and teacher license fees. The financial impact
11 depends on how many minors will qualify for this exemption as
12 well as how many parents or guardians will provide the required
13 instruction and consequently how many teachers and schools will
14 not renew their licenses as a result of lower demand. These
15 factors can not be estimated at this time.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment repeals the original bill. The amendment
21 exempts a person from taking an approved driver education course
22 if the person resides 15 miles or more from the closest place
23 that offers a driver education course, the person takes a written
24 examination before being issued a learner's permit and the person
25 receives driver training from a parent or guardian who obtains a
26 waiver from the Secretary of State.

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