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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 1182

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H.P. 865

House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

**An Act to Amend Coded Licenses.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMERON of Rumford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: TOBIN of Dexter, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

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**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1404, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**1. Under 21.** A person less than 21 years of age bears a distinctive color code; and

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1404, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. B, §14 and affected by §24, is further amended to read:

**2. Prior convictions; on or after July 1, 1996.** A person convicted on or after July 1, 1996 of operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or with an excessive blood-alcohol level, as defined in section 2453, subsection 2, within 10 years of the date the license is issued, reissued or returned after a period of suspension bears a coded notation of that fact; and

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1404, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Prior conviction: before July 1, 1996.** A person convicted before July 1, 1996 of operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or with an excessive blood-alcohol level, as defined in section 2453, subsection 2, within 6 years of the date the license is issued, reissued or returned after a period of suspension bears a coded notation of that fact.

**Sec. 4. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to July 1, 1996.

**SUMMARY**

In the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature, the Legislature increased from 6 to 10 the number of years that a driver's license issued to a person who is convicted of operating under the influence must be coded. This bill specifies that the increase in the number of years that a license must be coded applies only to persons convicted on or after July 1, 1996, which was the effective date of the change in the law. The license of a person convicted prior to July 1, 1996 must be coded for 6 years. This bill applies retroactively to July 1, 1996.