

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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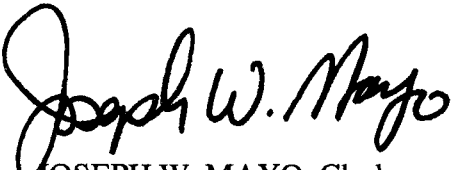
H.P. 478

House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

**An Act to Withhold Work-restricted Licenses from Habitual Offenders  
Newly Convicted of Operating under the Influence or Who are not in  
Treatment Program.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2556, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
6 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the  
8 following enacted in its place:

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

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

20 B. The revocation is issued pursuant to section 2555 and  
22 the new offense is an OUI conviction.

24 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2556, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
26 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

28 5. Eligibility. If a conviction is based on section 2551,  
30 subsection 1, paragraph B, the person must have completed the  
32 period of suspension required for the OUI conviction and, the  
34 Secretary of State must have received written notice that the  
person has satisfactorily completed the alcohol and drug program  
and the person must be participating actively in a substance  
abuse treatment program.

### SUMMARY

This bill allows a person whose license has been revoked under the habitual offender statutes to be eligible for a work-restricted license as long as the new offense is not operating under the influence and the person is participating actively in a substance abuse treatment program.