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House of Representatives, February 23, 1999

An Act to Improve Access to Driver Education.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Caribou,
WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 505, §15, and affected by §22, is amended to read:

6 **5-A. License fees.** Except as provided in section 1355, license fees must be paid to the Secretary of State and deposited
8 into the Highway Fund. The following fees apply.

10 ~~A. The fee for a driver education school license is \$125.~~

12 B. The fee for a driver education teacher or instructor
14 license is \$80, except that a driver education teacher or
instructor who is also a certified teacher in a public or
16 private secondary school is exempt from license fees
required in this subsection.

18 C. Each license issued pursuant to this section expires one
20 year from the date of issuance. ~~The fee for the renewal of~~
~~a driver education school license is \$125.~~ The fee for the
22 renewal of a driver education teacher or instructor license
is \$80.

24 D. A noncommercial driver education school that offers
26 driver education for course credit and does not charge a fee
for driver education is exempt from the license fees
28 required in this subsection. A driver education teacher
employed by and providing driver education only in a school
30 exempt from license fees in accordance with this paragraph
is also exempt from license fees required in this
subsection. b! 1995, c. 505, @15 (new); @22 (aff). ?b

32 ~~This subsection takes effect January 1, 1997.~~

34 **Sec. 2. Duties of Secretary of State.** Pursuant to the duties
36 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section
1354, subsection 6, the Secretary of State shall adopt or amend
38 the policies regarding driver education programs and the
licensing and relicensing of driver education teachers and
40 instructors in accordance with the following requirements.

42 1. Class size may not be limited.

44 2. A mandatory number of hours of classroom instruction may
not be required before driver education teachers and
46 instructors may begin behind-the-wheel instruction of
students.

48 3. Inspection of a driver education vehicle by a state
50 inspector before it is approved for use in behind-the-wheel
instruction may not be required.

2 4. Driver education teachers and instructors may not be
4 required to repeat defensive driving courses or first aid
 courses as a condition of renewal of a license.

6 5. Driver education teachers and instructors may not be
8 required to maintain student records on file for longer than
 one year.

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SUMMARY

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14 This bill removes the license fee for driver education
 schools and driver education teachers and instructors who are
16 also certified teachers in public and private secondary schools.
 The bill also requires that the Secretary of State make certain
18 changes to the policies governing driver education programs and
 the licensing and relicensing of driver education teachers and
 instructors.