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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1744, L.D. 2450, Bill, "An Act to Restrict Passengers in the Vehicle of a Newly Licensed Driver"

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 §101, sub-§28-A is enacted to read:

28-A. Immediate family member. "Immediate family member" means a grandparent; parent, including stepparent; brother; or sister.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1310 is enacted to read:

§1310. Interim license

A person under 21 years of age who has been issued a driver's license may not carry passengers other than immediate family members unless accompanied by a licensed operator who meets the requirements of section 1304, subsection 1, paragraph E. This restriction is in effect for a period of 90 days from license issuance.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect August 1, 2000.'

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original bill. It prohibits a newly licensed driver under 21 years of age from carrying passengers that are not immediate family members, unless the driver is operating under the same requirements as the instructional permit. This prohibition is in effect for 90 days after license issuance. This requirement takes effect August 1, 2000.

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