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In Senate, March 1, 2005

An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Review License Suspensions

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBINS of York. Cosponsored by Senator: SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2488 is enacted to read:

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§2488. Administrative review

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Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a person who receives a license suspension of more than 18 months may, after 18 months, petition the Secretary of State to review the terms of the suspension. The Secretary of State may reinstate the license of a petitioner under this section if the Secretary of State finds extraordinary circumstances justifying the reinstatement. This section does not apply to suspensions directly ordered by the Secretary of State.

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows a person who received a driver's license suspension of more than 18 months to petition the Secretary of State for reinstatement after 18 months of the suspension. The Secretary of State may reinstate the license of the petitioner if the Secretary of State finds extraordinary circumstances justifying the reinstatement. This bill does not apply to suspensions directly ordered by the Secretary of State.