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**An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Advertisements on Motor
Vehicles Used in Driver Education**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WESTON of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport and
Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, SAVAGE of Knox, Representative: MAZUREK of
Rockland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776, §39, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. A vehicle used as a training vehicle must be maintained in safe mechanical
5 condition at all times. Each vehicle must be equipped with dual-control foot brakes
6 and, if the vehicle is not equipped with an automatic transmission, dual-control clutch
7 pedals. While being used in actual instruction, a vehicle must be equipped with an
8 identification sign listing the name of the school and a student driver sign. The
9 identification sign, according to rules adopted by the Department of Public Safety,
10 may include a telephone number, and it may be illuminated only when the vehicle is
11 in use for driver instruction.

12 The following vehicles are not required to have dual controls and an identification
13 sign listing the name of the school and a student driver sign:

- 14 (1) A vehicle that is being used to instruct a person with a disability and is
15 specially equipped for use by a person with a disability; and
16 (2) A vehicle that is being used to instruct a person in possession of a valid
17 Maine driver's license or instruction permit when the vehicle is not provided by
18 the driver education school.

19 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1922, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
20 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

21 7. **Exception.** This section does not apply to the illuminated name and telephone
22 number identification affixed to vehicles for the conveyance of passengers or to a vehicle
23 used in driver education with a sign that is in compliance with section 1354.

24 **Sec. 3. Rules.** The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules governing the use
25 of illuminated signs on vehicles used as training vehicles in driver education. Rules
26 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine
27 Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill amends the motor vehicle laws concerning illuminated identification signs
30 and advertisements on motor vehicles to allow driver education vehicles to be equipped
31 with signs capable of illumination, which may be illuminated only during actual driving
32 instruction.