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An Act To Promote the Safety of Deaf or Hard-of-hearing Drivers

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GROSE of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CAMPBELL of Newfield, GERZOFSKY of
Brunswick, MILLER of Somerville, MUSE of Fryeburg, PRIEST of Brunswick, WALCOTT
of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1404**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 606, Pt. B, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§1404. Coded licenses**

5 The Secretary of State shall provide that a license issued to:

6 **1. Under 21.** A person less than 21 years of age bears a distinctive color code; ~~and~~

7 **2. Prior convictions.** A person convicted of operating under the influence of
8 intoxicating liquor or drugs or with an excessive blood-alcohol level, as defined in section
9 2453, subsection 2, within 10 years of the date the license is issued, reissued or returned
10 after a period of suspension bears a coded notation of that fact.

11 The Secretary of State may, at the request of a licensee, remove the coded notation from
12 the license of a person convicted for a first operating-under-the-influence offense as
13 defined in section 2453, subsection 2 after 6 years from the date of the conviction if the
14 person has not been convicted or adjudicated of the offense of speeding more than 15
15 miles per hour over the maximum speed limit or any offense described under section
16 2551-A, subsection 1, paragraph A or had a license suspended or revoked within that 6-
17 year period; and

18 **3. Deaf and hard-of-hearing.** A person who has provided documentation to the
19 Secretary of State from a physician that the person is deaf or hard-of-hearing bears a
20 coded notation of that fact.

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SUMMARY

22 This bill requires the Secretary of State, for a person who has documentation from a
23 physician that the person is deaf or hard-of-hearing, to place a coded notation of that fact
24 on that person's license.