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L.D. 1611
(Filing No. H-653)

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1183, L.D. 1611, Bill, "An Act Concerning Learner's Permits"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 11 in L.D.).

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Learner's permit; issuance. The following provisions apply to the issuance of a learner's permit.

A. Fees for a learner's permit may be collected only by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 154, subsection 1.

B. Any required application materials for a learner's permit may be collected only by the Secretary of State.

C. Any required examination for a learner's permit may be administered only by the Secretary of State.

D. A learner's permit may be issued only by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1304, last ¶, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §16, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Transition provisions. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1304, subsection 1-A, prior to October 1, 2014, the Secretary of State may allow an individual affiliated with an approved driver education course to collect fees or application materials for a learner's permit. Notwithstanding Title 29-A, section 1304, subsection 1-A, prior to January 1, 2015, the Secretary of State may allow an individual affiliated with an approved driver education course to administer any required examination for a learner's permit.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause. It creates a new learner's permit issuance subsection in statute that identifies the Secretary of State as the only entity allowed to collect learner's permit fees and application materials, administer an examination for a learner's permit and issue a learner's permit. The amendment contains transition language that allows the Secretary of State or an individual affiliated with an approved driver education course to collect fees and application materials until October 1, 2014 and to administer exams until January 1, 2015.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 02/28/14 *MAC*

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An Act Concerning Learner's Permits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-653)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of the Secretary of State associated with collecting learner's permit fees and administering the examination can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.