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House of Representatives, February 3, 2015

### **An Act To Remove Barriers to Job Opportunities for Young Truck Drivers**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PARRY of Arundel.  
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and  
Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, LONG of  
Sherman, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §555, sub-§2, ¶A-2,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 251, §1, is  
3 amended to read:

4 A-2. ~~The~~ Except for a program under subsection 5, the bureau may not adopt any  
5 rule that exempts motor carriers, vehicles or drivers transporting hazardous materials  
6 of a type or quantity that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded in accordance  
7 with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172 from any federal regulation adopted  
8 and incorporated by reference into any rule adopted by the bureau pursuant to this  
9 subsection. Notwithstanding paragraph A-1, the Maine Administrative Procedure  
10 Act does not apply to the amendment of any rule consistent with the prohibition set  
11 forth in this paragraph.

12 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §555, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

13 **5. Program for drivers 18 to 21 years of age.** Notwithstanding subsection 2,  
14 paragraph A-2, the bureau may create a program of limited duration exempting a driver  
15 18 to 21 years of age from federal regulations adopted by the bureau under that paragraph  
16 that:

17 A. Encourages the driver to enter the commercial trucking profession;

18 B. Reduces the regulatory barriers for drivers 18 to 21 years of age; and

19 C. Monitors and records the skills and driving records of drivers 18 to 21 years of  
20 age.

21 The bureau shall seek input from the commercial trucking industry in the development of  
22 a program under this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine  
23 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to create a  
26 program of limited duration for truck drivers 18 to 21 years of age under an exemption  
27 from federal regulations concerning transporting hazardous materials adopted by the  
28 bureau that encourages the drivers to enter the commercial trucking profession and  
29 reduces the regulatory barriers for and monitors and records the skills and driving records  
30 of the drivers.