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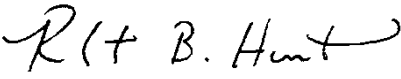
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H.P. 500

House of Representatives, February 28, 2017

An Act Regarding the License Restrictions for New Drivers

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1311, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 654, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Period of restrictions.** Except as provided in section 2116 and subsection 2-A
5 and subject to extension pursuant to subsection 3, the license restrictions in subsection 1
6 are in effect for a period of 270 days from license issuance. The period of license
7 restrictions may extend beyond the person's 18th birthday.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1311, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

9 **2-A. Waiver.** The Secretary of State may waive up to 90 days of the period of
10 license restrictions under subsection 2 upon receipt of an application for a waiver of the
11 period of license restrictions. The Secretary of State may not accept the application for a
12 waiver of the period of license restrictions of a minor unless the application is:

13 A. Signed by a parent or guardian;

14 B. Signed by the spouse of the minor, as long as the spouse is 18 years of age or
15 older;

16 C. If the minor does not have a parent, guardian or spouse who is 18 years of age or
17 older, signed by an employer of the minor if that employer is 18 years of age or older;
18 or

19 D. Accompanied by an attested copy of a court order of emancipation under Title 15,
20 section 3506-A.

21 The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to establish the application criteria and process by
22 which a person may qualify for a waiver of the period of license restrictions under this
23 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined
24 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill allows the Secretary of State to waive up to 90 days of the 270-day period of
27 restrictions for a person with an intermediate license if that person applies for a waiver of
28 the period of license restrictions. The bill directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules to
29 establish the application criteria and process by which a person may qualify for a waiver
30 of the period of license restrictions for a person with an intermediate license. The bill
31 also provides that the Secretary of State may not accept the application of a minor for a
32 waiver unless the application is signed by a parent or guardian; signed by the spouse of
33 the minor, as long as the spouse is 18 years of age or older; if the minor does not have a
34 parent, guardian or spouse who is 18 years of age or older, signed by an employer if the
35 employer is 18 years of age or older; or accompanied by an attested copy of a court order
36 of emancipation.