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An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CROCKETT of Portland, McLEAN of Gorham,
RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEWART of Presque Isle, TEPLER of
Topsham, TERRY of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 224** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 224**

4 **TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION**

5 **§6701. Traffic safety education defined**

6 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, "traffic safety
7 education" means education designed to provide instruction regarding traffic safety laws
8 and rules, including best practices for users of public and private ways, including motor
9 vehicle operators, pedestrians, bicyclists and other vulnerable users, as that term is
10 defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 91-A.

11 **§6702. Traffic safety education required**

12 A school administrative unit shall provide at least one hour of age-appropriate traffic
13 safety education annually to students in grades 2 to 12. The traffic safety education must
14 meet the minimum requirements specified in section 6703.

15 **§6703. Traffic safety education program minimum requirements**

16 A traffic safety education program, referred to in this chapter as "the program,"
17 offered by a school administrative unit must meet, at a minimum, the following
18 requirements adjusted as appropriate for each grade.

19 **1. Pedestrian instruction.** The program must provide instruction on traffic laws and
20 rules applicable to pedestrians and safe pedestrian use of public and private ways,
21 including:

22 A. Use of sidewalks and crosswalks;

23 B. Travel on the shoulders of public ways, including direction of travel;

24 C. Entering, exiting and crossing public and private ways; and

25 D. Conspicuity.

26 **2. Bicyclist instruction.** The program must provide instruction on traffic laws and
27 rules applicable to bicyclists and safe bicycle operation on public and private ways,
28 including:

29 A. Helmet requirements and use;

30 B. Lighting and reflector use;

31 C. Hand signals and use;

32 D. The meaning of and the proper response to traffic control devices as defined in
33 Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 84;

34 E. Travel on public ways, including direction of travel; and

