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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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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick and
Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of
Yarmouth.

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. Definitions**

6 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms
7 have the following meanings.

8 **1. Micromobility device.** "Micromobility device" means any small, low-speed,
9 human-powered or electric-powered transportation device, including a bicycle, scooter,
10 skateboard, electric-assisted bicycle, electric scooter or e-scooter, electric skateboard and
11 other small, lightweight, wheeled device that has a top speed of 28 miles per hour or less.
12 "Micromobility device" does not include any transportation device powered by an internal
13 combustion engine.

14 **2. Traffic safety education.** "Traffic safety education" means education designed to
15 provide instruction regarding traffic safety laws and rules, including best practices for users
16 of public and private ways, including motor vehicle operators, pedestrians, bicyclists,
17 micromobility device operators and other vulnerable users, as that term is defined in Title
18 29-A, section 101, subsection 91-A.

19 **§6702. Traffic safety education required**

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

23 **§6703. Traffic safety education program minimum requirements**

24 A traffic safety education program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," offered
25 by a school administrative unit must meet, at a minimum, the following requirements
26 adjusted as appropriate for each grade to which the traffic safety education is provided.

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

- 30 A. Use of sidewalks and crosswalks;
31 B. Travel on the shoulders of public ways, including direction of travel;
32 C. Entering, exiting and crossing public and private ways; and
33 D. Conspicuity.

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

- 37 A. Helmet requirements and use;

