

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 685

House of Representatives, March 9, 2023

**An Act to Require Driver Education Programs to Include Education  
Regarding the Risks of Impaired Driving Due to the Use of Alcohol,  
Cannabis or Other Substances**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§6, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 394, §3 and  
3 affected by §6, is further amended to read:

4 B. The Secretary of State shall develop and implement a standardized driver education  
5 curriculum for all classes of licenses under this chapter that establishes minimum  
6 standards for instructional goals and learning objectives, including mandatory  
7 education in the risks associated with impaired driving due to the use of alcohol,  
8 cannabis or other substances. The Secretary of State shall require distribution of  
9 information on organ and tissue donation and the possibility of saving lives through  
10 organ donation.

11 **Sec. 2. Secretary of State to examine other jurisdictions.** The Secretary of State  
12 shall examine laws, rules and other efforts of other jurisdictions to incorporate cannabis  
13 awareness within their driver awareness course curricula.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires that driver education instruction for all classes of driver's licenses  
16 include mandatory education in the risks associated with the use of alcohol, cannabis or  
17 other substances and requires the Secretary of State to examine the laws, rules and other  
18 efforts of other jurisdictions to incorporate cannabis awareness within their driver  
19 awareness course curricula.