

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 752

House of Representatives, March 14, 2023

**An Act to Add an Exception to the Law Regarding Intermediate  
Driver's Licenses Regarding Passengers**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Robert B. Hunt*  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §1311, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 13, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 A. Carry passengers other than immediate family members unless accompanied by a  
5 licensed operator who meets the requirements of section 1304, subsection 1, paragraph  
6 E. For the purpose of this paragraph, "immediate family member" includes the  
7 following when living with the immediate family:

- 8 (1) A foreign exchange student;
- 9 (2) A person who is under court-appointed guardianship of an immediate family  
10 member; and
- 11 (3) A child whose parent is deployed for military service and is under guardianship  
12 of an immediate family member as provided on a United States Department of  
13 Defense Armed Forces Family Care Plan, DA Form 5305 or its successor form.

14 For the purpose of this paragraph, "deployed for military service" means assigned to  
15 active military duty with the state military forces, as defined in Title 37-B, section 102,  
16 or the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves,  
17 whether pursuant to orders of the Governor or the President of the United States, when  
18 the duty assignment is in a combat theater, in an area where armed conflict is taking  
19 place or in an area away from a person's normal duty station;

20 This paragraph does not apply to a person under 18 years of age who is employed and  
21 who can demonstrate employment and is in receipt of a safe driver discount under the  
22 person's motor vehicle liability insurance policy;

23 **SUMMARY**

24 Current law provides that a licensed driver under 18 years of age may not carry  
25 passengers other than immediate family members unless accompanied by a licensed  
26 operator who meets certain conditions. This bill exempts such a driver from this restriction  
27 if the driver is employed and can demonstrate employment and is in receipt of a safe driver  
28 discount under the person's motor vehicle liability insurance policy.