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An Act To Improve Driver Education Licensing

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHAPMAN of Brooksville, GOODE of Bangor,
MORRISON of South Portland, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§5-A, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 505, §15
3 and affected by §22, is amended to read:

4 B. The fee for a driver education teacher or instructor license is ~~\$80~~ \$100.

5 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§5-A, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 505, §15
6 and affected by §22, is amended to read:

7 C. ~~Each license issued pursuant to this section expires one year~~ A driver education
8 school license expires 2 years from the date of issuance. A driver education teacher
9 or instructor license expires 5 years from the date of issuance. The fee for the
10 renewal of a driver education school license is \$125. The fee for the renewal of a
11 driver education teacher or instructor license is ~~\$80~~ \$100.

12 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§6, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 652, Pt. B,
13 §7 and affected by §8, is further amended to read:

14 A. The Secretary of State shall establish the Technical Review Panel that includes
15 representatives from the Department of Education, the Department of Public Safety,
16 law enforcement agencies, the insurance industry, the motor carrier industry ~~and a, 2~~
17 members from the board of a statewide driver and traffic safety education association
18 and 2 business owners who hold Class A licenses to teach driver education teacher
19 ~~and instructor.~~ The Technical Review Panel shall assist the Secretary of State in
20 developing curriculum and teacher and instructor training and certification.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill extends driver education school licenses from one year to 2 years. It also
23 extends the teaching license of a driver education teacher or instructor to 5 years. The
24 bill also adds 2 members from the board of a statewide driver and traffic safety education
25 association and 2 business owners who hold Class A licenses to teach driver education to
26 the Secretary of State's Technical Review Panel and increases the license fees for teachers
27 and instructors from \$80 to \$100.