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An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Advertisements on Motor Vehicles Used in Driver Education

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776, §39, is further amended to read:

B. A vehicle used as a training vehicle must be maintained in safe mechanical condition at all times. Each vehicle must be equipped with dual-control foot brakes and, if the vehicle is not equipped with an automatic transmission, dual-control clutch pedals. While being used in actual instruction, a vehicle must be equipped with an identification sign listing the name of the school and a student driver sign. The identification sign, according to rules adopted by the Department of Public Safety, may include a telephone number, and it may be illuminated only when the vehicle is in use for driver instruction.

The following vehicles are not required to have dual controls and an identification sign listing the name of the school and a student driver sign:

- (1) A vehicle that is being used to instruct a person with a disability and is specially equipped for use by a person with a disability; and
- (2) A vehicle that is being used to instruct a person in possession of a valid Maine driver's license or instruction permit when the vehicle is not provided by the driver education school.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1922, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

7. Exception. This section does not apply to the illuminated name and telephone number identification affixed to vehicles for the conveyance of passengers or to a vehicle used in driver education with a sign that is in compliance with section 1354.

Sec. 3. Rules. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules governing the use of illuminated signs on vehicles used as training vehicles in driver education. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the motor vehicle laws concerning illuminated identification signs and advertisements on motor vehicles to allow driver education vehicles to be equipped with signs capable of illumination, which may be illuminated only during actual driving instruction.