



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act to Allow Commercial Driver's License Holders Who Are 18  
to 20 Years of Age to Haul Hazardous Materials Intrastate**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITE of Guilford.  
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DUCHARME of  
Madison, MORRIS of Turner, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft,  
POMERLEAU of Standish.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §13, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **3. Endorsements for double or triple trailers, buses, tank vehicles or hazardous**  
5 **materials.** Operation of a double or triple trailer, bus or tank vehicle requiring a  
6 commercial driver's license or a vehicle carrying hazardous materials requiring a placard  
7 requires a special endorsement on a commercial license. A person who is 18 years of age  
8 or older and holds a valid commercial driver's license may be issued a hazardous materials  
9 endorsement to haul hazardous materials intrastate under this subsection.

10 An endorsement may be made under this subsection only after the applicant has  
11 successfully passed the examination for the specific vehicle.

12 To retain a hazardous material endorsement on renewal of a commercial license, a  
13 reexamination of the hazardous material written test is required.

14 A person who applies for or receives a hazardous material endorsement must comply with  
15 the conditions and requirements of the federal Uniting and Strengthening America by  
16 Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA  
17 PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, Public Law 107-56, 115 Stat. 272.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill allows a person who is 18 years of age or older and holds a valid commercial  
20 driver's license to be eligible to obtain a hazardous materials endorsement to haul hazardous  
21 materials intrastate.