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## **An Act To Amend the Instruction Permit Process**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§1, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §18, is further amended to read:

E. Unless the permittee is operating a motorcycle or moped, the permit requires the permittee to be accompanied by a licensed operator who:

- (1) Has held a valid license for the immediately preceding 2 consecutive years;
- (2) Is at least 20 years of age;
- (3) Is occupying a seat beside the driver; and
- (4) Is licensed to operate the class vehicle operated by the permittee.

The accompanying operator must adhere to all restrictions applied to the license when functioning as the permittee's accompanying operator. A person who meets the conditions of subparagraphs (2), (3) and (4) whose license was canceled or suspended for ~~physical, mental or emotional reasons~~ within the immediately preceding 2 consecutive years may act as an accompanying operator pursuant to this paragraph with the approval of the Secretary of State.

### **SUMMARY**

Current law allows a person whose license was canceled or suspended in the immediately preceding 2 years for physical, mental or emotional reasons to accompany a person with an instruction permit if the accompanying operator is at least 20 years of age, sits beside the permittee and has a valid license. This bill allows a person whose license was canceled or suspended in the immediately preceding 2 years for any reason to accompany a person with an instruction permit if the other conditions apply.