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An Act Regarding Learner's Permits for Driver's Licenses

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LONG of Sherman, POULIOT of Augusta, STANLEY of
Medway, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B,
3 §16, is further amended to read:

4 B. After an applicant has successfully passed all parts of an examination other than
5 the driving test, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State's designee or a person
6 licensed as a driver education instructor under section 1354, subsection 2 may issue a
7 learner's permit.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 493, §1, is
9 amended to read:

10 **1-A. Learner's permit; issuance.** The following provisions apply to the issuance of
11 a learner's permit.

12 A. Fees for a learner's permit may be collected only by the Secretary of State, the
13 Secretary of State's designee or a person licensed as a driver education instructor
14 under section 1354, subsection 2 in accordance with section 154, subsection 1.

15 B. Any required application materials for a learner's permit may be collected only by
16 the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State's designee or a person licensed as a
17 driver education instructor under section 1354, subsection 2.

18 C. Any required examination for a learner's permit may be administered only by the
19 Secretary of State, the Secretary of State's designee or a person licensed as a driver
20 education instructor under section 1354, subsection 2.

21 D. A learner's permit may be issued only by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
22 State's designee or a person licensed as a driver education instructor under section
23 1354, subsection 2.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows a designee of the Secretary of State or a person licensed as a driver
26 education instructor to do the following:

- 27 1. Collect fees for a learner's permit for a driver's license;
28 2. Collect application materials for a learner's permit;
29 3. Administer an examination for a learner's permit; and
30 4. Issue a learner's permit.

31 Current law allows only the Secretary of State to perform these functions.