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An Act To Ensure Maine Is in Compliance with Certain Federal Drug Laws

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1125** is enacted to read:

3 **§1125. Mandatory driver's license suspension; mandatory delay in license issuance**
4 **or reinstatement**

5 1. The court shall suspend for at least 6 months the driver's license of a person
6 convicted of a crime under this chapter, except for section 1116.

7 2. If a person convicted of violating a provision of this chapter, except for section
8 1116, does not have a driver's license, or the person's driver's license is suspended at the
9 time of conviction, the court shall order that the issuance or reinstatement of a driver's
10 license to the person be delayed for at least 6 months after the person applies for issuance
11 or reinstatement of a driver's license.

12 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2411, sub-§5, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 389, §1 and
13 affected by §7, is further amended to read:

14 A. For a person having no previous OUI offenses within a 10-year period:

15 (1) A fine of not less than \$500, except that if the person failed to submit to a
16 test, a fine of not less than \$600;

17 (2) A court-ordered suspension of a driver's license for a period of ~~450~~ 180 days;
18 and

19 (3) A period of incarceration as follows:

20 (a) Not less than 48 hours when the person:

21 (i) Was tested as having an alcohol level of 0.15 grams or more of
22 alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or 210 liters of breath;

23 (ii) Was exceeding the speed limit by 30 miles per hour or more;

24 (iii) Eluded or attempted to elude an officer; or

25 (iv) Was operating with a passenger under 21 years of age; and

26 (b) Not less than 96 hours when the person failed to submit to a test at the
27 request of a law enforcement officer;

28 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §§2451-A and 2451-B** are enacted to read:

29 **§2451-A. Suspension for drug offense**

30 **1. Recording and notice by Secretary of State.** On receipt of an attested copy of
31 the court record of a suspension of the driver's license of a person convicted of violating
32 the federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970, 21 United States Code, Section 801 et seq.
33 or of any criminal offense specified in Title 17-A, chapter 45, except for Title 17-A,
34 section 1116, the Secretary of State shall immediately record the suspension and send
35 written notice of the suspension to the person whose driver's license has been suspended.

