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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 466, L.D. 1301, Bill, “An Act To Improve the Safety of Vulnerable Users in Traffic and To Clarify the Responsibilities of Bicyclists and Pedestrians”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 91-A in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "means" the following: 'a person on a public way who is more vulnerable to injury than a person in an automobile, truck or other similar motor vehicle and includes, but is not limited to'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 91-A in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "way;" the following: 'or'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 91-A in paragraph D by striking out all of subparagraph (9) (page 1, line 20 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 91-A in paragraph D in subparagraph (14) (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "skis; or" and inserting the following: 'skis.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 91-A in paragraph D by renumbering the subparagraphs to read consecutively.

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 91-A by striking out all of paragraph E (page 1, lines 26 and 27 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 1, lines 30 to 33 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'4. Requirements. A driver education course approved under this subchapter must include instruction that imparts the understanding and skills necessary to operate a motor vehicle safely in a situation in which a motorcycle or vulnerable user is sharing the road with that motor vehicle.'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 to 6 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2056, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1999, c. 101, §1, is further amended to read:**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



1           1. It changes the definition of "vulnerable user" in the bill to remove motorcycles and  
2 to clarify that "vulnerable user" includes persons who are more vulnerable to injury than  
3 those in an automobile, truck or similar motor vehicle.

4           2. Like the bill, it requires that driver education courses include instruction regarding  
5 sharing the road with a vulnerable user, but the amendment eliminates the requirement in  
6 the bill that instruction include at least 30 minutes.

7           3. It strikes from the bill the provisions regarding pedestrians in crosswalks and  
8 instead adds new language to existing statute to specify that operators must yield the  
9 right-of-way to pedestrians who have shown visible intent to enter the marked crosswalk.

10          4. It retains provisions in the bill regarding responsibilities of bicyclists that are like  
11 responsibilities of motor vehicle operators but consolidates most of these provisions in  
12 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2063, which addresses the rights and  
13 duties of bicyclists.

14          5. It strikes all proposed new prohibitions and penalties regarding vulnerable users,  
15 as the conduct and penalties are covered by current law in Titles 17-A and 29-A.