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## **An Act To Allow a Newly Licensed Driver To Transport a Foreign Exchange Student Who Lives with That Driver's Family**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** families have exchange students living with them and attending school with family members; and

**Whereas,** due to the way the law is written now, the exchange student is not allowed to ride in a vehicle with a person that is under 18 years of age; and

**Whereas,** this causes a hardship for the families; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1311, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 286, §4, is amended to read:

A. Carry passengers other than immediate family members unless accompanied by a licensed operator who meets the requirements of section 1304, subsection 1, paragraph E. For the purpose of this paragraph, "immediate family member" includes a foreign exchange student that is living with the immediate family;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 23, 2009.