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HOUSE BILL            ***1135-FN***

AN ACT                relative to penalties for driving without a license.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Cushing, Rock 21; Rep. Muns, Rock 21; Rep. Shurtleff, Merr 11;  
Rep. Andrews-Ahearn, Rock 37; Rep. F. Rice, Rock 21; Rep. Emerick, Rock 21;  
Rep. Charron, Rock 4; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24

COMMITTEE:          Transportation

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the penalties for driving a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license or a license that is not appropriate for the vehicle being driven.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                   relative to penalties for driving without a license.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           296:1 License Required; Penalty. Amend RSA 263:1 to read as follows:

2           263:1 License Required; **Penalty**.

3           **I.** No person, except those expressly exempted under RSA 263:25 or other provisions of this  
4 title, shall drive any motor vehicle upon any way in this state unless such person has a valid driver's  
5 license, as required under the provisions of this chapter, for the class or type of vehicle being driven.  
6 ~~[Except as otherwise herein provided, any person who drives a motor vehicle in this state without~~  
7 ~~having a valid driver's license of the appropriate class or type shall be guilty of a violation, provided~~  
8 ~~that any person convicted of such offense for the second time in a 12 month period shall be guilty of a~~  
9 ~~misdemeanor.]~~

10           **II.** *Any person who held a driver's license of the appropriate class or type but whose*  
11 *driver's license has been expired for not more than 12 months shall be guilty of a violation*  
12 *or, for a second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.*

13           **III.** *Any person who drives a motor vehicle in this state and who has never had a*  
14 *license shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.*

15           296:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

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17 Approved: August 1, 2014

18 Effective Date: January 1, 2015