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House of Representatives, February 8, 1967

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Permits for Motorcycle Operation.

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

Whereas, safety on the highways of the State is the concern of all citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, under present law there are no regulations for the safe operation of motorcycles; and

Whereas, to protect the public as well as those who operate motorcycles, the following legislation is vitally necessary to safeguard the interests of the travelling public and pedestrians; 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:

R. S., T. 29, § 532, amended. The last paragraph of section 532 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 303 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Any person, holding a valid driver's license and who is at least 16 years of age, may make application to the Secretary of State for a motorcycle, motor bike or motor scooter learner's permit to operate a motor scooter, motor bike or motorcycle. The Secretary of State shall require that before the motorcycle,

motor bike or motor scooter learner's permit is issued any applicant shall have passed a knowledge test relating specifically to the safe operation of motor scooter, motor bike or motorcycle and a vision test. The knowledge test shall be in addition to the basic test of rules of the road and sign recognition required of all drivers applying for an original State of Maine operator's license.

The motor scooter, motor bike or motorcycle learner's permit, when issued, will be valid for a period of 90 days. Failure to complete the driving test within 90 days of issue date of permit will require reexamination for the permit. No such application for reexamination shall be accepted until 60 days after expiration of said permit.

The fee for said motor scooter, motor bike or motorcycle learner's permit shall be \$2 which shall include the first road test. The fee for all subsequent examinations shall be \$2.

This section shall not apply to any person who holds a valid State of Maine permit issued for the operation of a motor bike, motor scooter or motorcycle prior to the effective date of this Act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.