

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Katz of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Age of Operators of Motor Vehicles.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 532, amended.** The first sentence of section 532 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘Any person who is at least ~~+~~ 16 years of age and has completed a course in driver education as provided in section 583 may apply to the Secretary of State for an instruction permit.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 537, amended.** Section 537 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 537. Learners.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any way in this State unless licensed according to this Title. This section shall not prevent the operation of a motor vehicle by an unlicensed person, not less than ~~+~~ 16 years of age who holds an instruction permit, if riding beside a licensed operator in said vehicle for the purpose of becoming familiar with the use and handling of a motor vehicle preparatory to taking out license for driving, and provided such unlicensed person has not theretofore had a license revoked, suspended or finally refused.’

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 538, amended.** Section 538 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 538. Age limit.** No license shall be issued to any person under ~~+~~ 16 years of age.’

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 583, amended.** Section 583 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 583. Driver education required for minors.** No operator's license shall be issued to any person under ~~17~~ 18 years of age unless such person shall present a certificate of successful completion of a driver education course and examination given by the public secondary schools and academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291; or certificate of successful completion of a driver education course and examination given by some person or persons licensed by the Secretary of State. No license shall be required of certified teachers conducting a driver education course in public secondary schools or academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291. All licenses expire on December 31st of the year of issue.

Successful course completion certificates may be issued to any person permitted by law to have a license provided such course, given by the public secondary schools and academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291, shall meet teacher qualification, course content and standards approved by the State Board of Education. Successful course completion certificates shall not be issued to any person who was not at least ~~15~~ 16 years of age at the commencement of the road instruction phase of the course.

Any person between the ages of ~~15~~ 16 and ~~17~~ 18, who satisfies the Secretary of State that no readily available means of transportation exists to and from a secondary school or academy which he is attending, may be issued, upon passing the regular driver's examination as provided in section 581, a special permit authorizing such person to drive to and from such school or academy.'