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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 398

In Senate, February 17, 1965

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Casey of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Age of Operators of Motor Vehicles.

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 ~~+~~ 19 years of age, **except as otherwise provided**, 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 :

§ 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 ~~+~~ 19 years of age, **except as otherwise provided**, 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 :

§ 538. **Age limit**

No license shall be issued to any person under ~~17~~ 19 years of age, **except as otherwise provided.**'

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

§ 583. Driver education required for minors

No operator's license shall be issued to any person under ~~17~~ 19 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 **and is a graduate of such secondary schools or academies**; 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 ~~17~~ 19 years of age at the commencement of the road instruction phase of the course.

Any person between the ages of ~~15~~ 16 and ~~17~~ 19, who satisfies the Secretary of State that no readily available means of transportation exists **to and from his place of employment or** 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 his place of employment or** to and from such school or academy.'

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 29, § 585, amended. Section 585 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 585. Minors under 19; authorization

The Secretary of State shall not grant the application of any minor under the age of ~~18~~ 19 years for an operator's license unless such application is signed by the father of the applicant, if the father is living and has custody of the applicant, otherwise by the mother or guardian having the custody of such minor. In the event a minor under the age of ~~18~~ 19 years has no father, mother or guardian, then an operator's license shall not be granted to the minor unless his application therefor is signed by his employer.'