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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 259

S. P. 131

In Senate, January 19, 1967

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Johnson of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for Periodic Reexaminations for Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 539, amended. The last two sentences of section 539 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes are repealed as follows:

~~A fee of \$5 shall accompany the application. The application shall contain a space for the applicant to list his blood type if he so desires.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 542, amended. The first paragraph of section 542 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed as follows:

~~All new and renewal licenses to operate motor vehicles shall expire at midnight on the license holder's 2nd birthday next following the date of issuance of said license. The fee for such license shall be \$5.~~

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 545, repealed. Section 545 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 581-B, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 581-B, to read as follows:

§ 581-B. Periodic reexaminations

No person shall be issued an operator's license until it has been determined that such person is physically and mentally capable of safely operating motor vehicles over the highways of the State. The Secretary of State shall require such person to demonstrate his capabilities by passing an examination, which may include road test and shall include oral, and in the case of literate applicants,

written tests, and tests of vision as the Secretary of State shall require. Except beginning January 1, 1968, the Secretary of State shall begin reexamination on a 4-year program and during the period of January 1, 1968 through December 31, 1969 the Secretary of State may issue renewal licenses on a prorated basis to the first, 2nd or 3rd birthday following for \$2.50 per year or fraction thereof. Notwithstanding that when an applicant has submitted to the reexamination and successfully passed all phases he shall be issued a license to expire at midnight on the license holder's 4th birthday next following the date of issue of said license. The fee for such license shall be \$10. This section shall not affect section 535.

No new license shall be issued to any operator after the expiration of his license that was issued to expire on the 4th birthday following date of issue until such operator has again passed the examination specified in this section.

Notwithstanding this section, any person who has reached his 65th birthday and who has not taken an examination to qualify him to operate a motor vehicle within the past year shall be required to pass the driver's examination before a license may be issued to him. Such license issued shall expire on the 2nd birthday following the date of issue. Except that any person who applies for and receives a license to operate a motor vehicle effective on his 63rd birthday shall not be required to take such examination until and unless he applies for renewal thereof to be effective on his 65th birthday, and any person who applies for and receives a license to operate a motor vehicle effective on his 64th birthday shall not be required to take such examination until and unless he applies for renewal thereof to be effective on his 66th birthday. Any person who secures a motor vehicle operator's license at either age 65 or 66, as detailed, must pass a driver's examination at such time thereafter as he shall apply for renewal thereof. Any license issued to an applicant on his 63rd birthday, and all renewals thereafter, shall expire on his 2nd birthday next following the date of issue.

Sec. 5. **Effective date.** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1968.