

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary Presented by Senator Beliveau of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Driver's License Reexamination.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 545, amended. Section 545 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by inserting before the first paragraph the following new paragraph:

Any person who has reached his 65th birthday and who has not taken a vision examination to qualify him to operate a motor vehicle within the past year shall be required to pass the vision portion of a driver's examination before a license shall be issued to him; except that 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 the vision portion of a driver's examination at such times thereafter as he shall apply for renewal thereof.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

National highway safety standards are expected to require more extensive license reexaminations than are presently required under Maine laws. This legislation would improve the present law which requires road and vision tests for people over 75 years of age, by requiring vision tests for persons over 65 years of age. This examination requirement involves no significant additional cost.