

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Age Limit for Motor Vehicle Operator Licenses.**

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

**Sec. 1. 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 ~~15~~ 17 years of age, except that a license shall be issued to a person who is at least 15 years of age where the operation is restricted to farm tractors and similar equipment used primarily as farm implements.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 581-A, amended.** The first paragraph of section 581-A of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 37 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

Every person between the ages of ~~15~~ 17 and 25 years shall supply to the department satisfactory proof of his date of birth, before the department may accept his application for an examination prior to the issuance of a permit or original license.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 583, amended.** The last sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 583 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 18 of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

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 driver education course.

**Sec. 4. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the Legislature that this Act shall in no way affect licenses issued prior to the effective date of this Act to persons under 17 years of age.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

A great percentage of highway fatalities and injuries have resulted from excessive speed of drivers under 17 years of age. This legislation is an attempt to save lives of Maine youth and to be in accordance with other New England States as to age requirements.