

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 246

House of Representatives, January 21, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hardy of Hope.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Authorizing the Issuance of a Motor Vehicle Operator's License  
to Persons Legally Blind for Identification Only.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 536-A, additional.** Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 536-A to read as follows:

**§ 536-A. Persons legally blind**

A resident of this State who is legally blind may apply to the Secretary of State in the manner provided by law for an operator's license. The Secretary of State shall upon payment of the required fee issue such person an operator's license upon the usual license form. Such license shall not grant the person to whom it is issued the privilege to operate any motor vehicle or to supervise another in such operation. It shall be plainly stamped across the face of such license that it is for identification only and that it is not valid for the operation of a motor vehicle. Such license shall be valid for the same period of time and be renewable as other operators' licenses. An applicant for an operator's license or renewal thereof pursuant to this section shall not be subject to or required to pass any examination required by this chapter for a motor vehicle operator's license.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 539, amended.** Section 539 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 138 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows:

The fee for an operator's license issued to a person who is legally blind shall be \$1.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

Drivers' licenses are used for identification by the holder on many occasions; especially for cashing checks. Legally blind persons do not have any commonly recognized identification cards. This bill would allow the issuance of a Maine operator's license to legally blind persons for identification only.