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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1230

S. P. 414

In Senate, March 4, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Creating a Medical Advisory Board for Medical Criteria and Vision Standards for Motor Vehicle Drivers.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 547, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 547 to read as follows:

§ 547. Medical advisory board

1. Board. There shall be a medical advisory board consisting of 5 members appointed by the Secretary of State with the assistance of the Commissioner of Health and Welfare.
2. Duties. The board shall advise the Secretary of State on medical criteria and vision standards relating to the licensing of drivers under this Title.
3. Advice. The Secretary of State, having cause to believe that a licensed driver or applicant may not be physically or mentally qualified to be licensed, may obtain the advice of the board. The board may formulate its advice from records and reports or may cause an examination and report to be made by one or more members of the board or any other qualified person it may designate. The licensed driver or applicant may cause a written report to be forwarded to the board by a physician of his choice and it shall be given due consideration by the board.
4. Nonliability. Members of the board and other persons making examinations shall not be held liable for their opinions and recommendations pursuant to subsection 3.

5. Confidential. Reports received or made by the board, or its members, for the purpose of assisting the department in determining whether a person is qualified to be licensed, are for the confidential use of the board or the department and may not be divulged to any person.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in subsection 2.