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Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

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

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 255, amended. The first paragraph of section 255 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No registration ~~or license~~ shall be required for a farm tractor when the same is used solely for farming purposes, and such farm tractors may be operated, without registration ~~or license~~, from or to the premises where the same are kept, to or from a farm lot and between farm lots, used for farm purposes by the owner of the farm tractor. Such farm tractors may be operated, without registration ~~or license~~, from or to a filling station or garage for gas, oil or repairs.

Sec. 2. 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~~ 16 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. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 583, amended. The first sentence of section 583 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No operator's license shall be issued to any person under ~~17~~ 18 years of age unless such person shall present a certificate of successful completion of a driver education course and examination given by the public secondary

schools and academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291; or certificate of successful completion of a driver education course and examination given by some person or persons licensed by the Secretary of State.

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 16 years of age.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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.