

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 390

S. P. 156

In Senate, January 30, 1973

Referred to the 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-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Examinations for Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 581, amended. Section 581 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3-A of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

Each such examination shall include a screening of the applicant's vision, his ability to understand traffic signs, his knowledge of traffic regulations and an actual demonstration of his ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of the particular type of vehicle for which the applicant has made application.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 581, amended. Section 581 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3-A of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

Each applicant applying for a renewal operator's license shall be examined with respect to his qualifications, as provided in this section, at least once every 4 years, except that said Secretary of State may, in his discretion, waive the actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate the vehicle.

Sec. 3. Effective date. Section 1 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 1974.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Division, from the General Highway Fund, the sum of

\$228,658.81 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
SECRETARY OF STATE		
Motor Vehicle Division		
Personal Services	(14) \$53,249.20	(14) \$96,219.61
All Other	15,190.00	
Capital Expenditures	64,000.00	
	<u>\$132,439.20</u>	<u>\$96,219.61</u>

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under our present licensing statute a span of up to 50 years exists before most drivers are reexamined on vision and knowledge of traffic rules. Periodic reexamination would contribute to highway safety by insuring that those who hold an operator's license meet minimum requirements for safe vehicle operation.