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In Senate, April 30, 1973

Reported by Majority from Committee on Transportation and printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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 the following new sentence:

Each applicant applying for the first operator's license renewal, after attaining the age of 50 years, shall be required to pass a knowledge test of traffic regulations, demonstrate his ability to understand traffic signs and to pass the vision portion of a driver's examination before a license shall be issued to him; except that a person may, in lieu of said requirements, provide assurance that he has satisfactorily completed within the previous 2-year period a defensive driving course approved by the Department of Transportation.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1975.