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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 397, L.D. 509, Bill, "AN ACT to Require Drivers License Renewal Examinations."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §545, as amended by PL 1969, c. 137, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§545. Persons required to have vision examinations

Any person who has reached his 40th birthday shall, at the time of the first renewal after that birthday and at the time of each alternate renewal thereafter to age 65, be required to pass the vision portion of a driver's examination before his motor vehicle operator's license shall be renewed.

Any person required to pass a vision examination under this section may submit an acceptable doctor's certificate setting forth their visual acuity in each eye, both eyes combined and field of vision. The doctor's certificate submitted shall not be accepted if it indicates the vision finding is based on an examination completed over one year prior to the date of application.

Any person required to pass a vision examination under this section who provides satisfactory evidence that he has a valid Interstate Commerce Commission operator's license issued within the past year need not take the vision examination.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on November 1, 1977.'

Fiscal Note

The additional vision examinations are estimated to cost \$36,000 for fiscal year 1978 and \$54,000 annually thereafter.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require a vision examination every 8 years beginning when he renews his license after reaching his 40th birthday.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Transportation.

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