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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, May 2, 1977

Reported by Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin from Committee on Transportation and printed under Joint Rules No. 2.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Establish 4-year Motor Vehicle Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 539, last sentence, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 542, 1st ¶, is amended to read:

All new and renewal licenses to operate motor vehicles shall expire at midnight on the license holder's ~~end~~ 4th birthday next following the date of issuance of ~~said~~ license. The fee for such license shall be ~~\$5~~ \$10.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 542, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The transition to the 4-year license shall be made in the following manner: The Secretary of State shall devise a schedule whereby $\frac{1}{2}$ of all renewal licenses shall be issued for 4 years. Upon the expiration of those 2-year renewal licenses, all licenses thereafter shall be issued for 4 years. The fee for all 2-year licenses shall be \$5.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 545, as amended by PL 1969, c. 137, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 545. Elderly persons; examination

Any person who has reached his 65th birthday shall be required to pass the vision portion of a driver's examination before his license may be renewed.

Any person who has reached his 75th birthday shall be required to pass a driver's examination before his license may be renewed.

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA § 224I, last ¶, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 36I, is further amended to read:

The original license issued to a new applicant shall be a provisional license for a period of one year following the date of issue and shall remain in force as a nonprovisional license to the ~~2nd birthday following the date of issue~~ **next normal expiration date.**

Sec. 6. 29 MRSA § 224I, last ¶, 3rd sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 73I, § 67, is further amended to read:

If he is convicted of or adjudicated to have committed a 2nd moving violation, his license shall be suspended for 60 days and if he is convicted of or adjudicated to have committed a 3rd moving violation, the license shall be suspended to the ~~date of its expiration~~ **2nd birthday next following the date of issue** or for 90 days, whichever shall be the longer period of time.

Sec. 7. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on November 1, 1977.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to establish a 4-year motor vehicle operator's license, thereby reducing the number of licenses which will have to be processed each year. It is estimated that this would result in a savings of approximately \$30,000 per year after implementation of the program. Also, it is estimated that this program will produce additional revenue in the amount of approximately \$625,000 for the fiscal year 1978 and approximately \$937,500 for fiscal year 1979.