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Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

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Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 538, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 538. Age limit

No license shall be issued to any person under 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. 2. 29 MRSA § 583, first ¶, is amended to read:

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. No license shall be required of certified teachers conducting a driver education course in public secondary schools or academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291. All licenses expire on December 31st of the year of issue.

Sec. 3. 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.