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H. P. 618

House of Representatives, February 23, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Curtis of Milbridge.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Revise the Law Relating to Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 530, sub-§ 1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 692, § 3, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

A person to whom a license to operate a motor vehicle has been issued, unless the license contains a special limitation or restriction, or unless the license is granted according to section 544, may operate any registered motor vehicle.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 530, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 692, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Motorcycles, motor driven cycles and mopeds. Motorcycles, motor driven cycles and mopeds shall not be operated by any person who does not possess a valid operator's license or who does not possess a license specially endorsed to operate a motorcycle, motor driven cycle or moped.

A. The endorsement provided in this subsection shall be made only after the applicant has passed the examination designed for the specific vehicle, as provided in this Title.

B. Mopeds shall not be operated upon interstate highways or upon any way upon which a bicycle is prohibited.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 530, sub-§§ 3, 4 and 5 as enacted by PL 1977, c. 692, § 3, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

3. Special requirements. Nothing in this section shall prevent any employer from imposing more stringent or additional qualifications, requirements, examinations or certificates than are imposed herein.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 533, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 36, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

The permit or temporary license shall be in the applicant's immediate possession at all times while operating a motor vehicle.

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA § 582, first ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 589, § 21, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The fee shall be for the purpose of defraying the expense of administering the examination.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the different classes of motor vehicle licenses. It is unnecessary to require 3 different licenses to operate motor vehicles in addition to motorcycle licenses. This bill establishes one operator's license for all motor vehicles, except licenses specifically designated for motorcycles, motor driven cycles and mopeds.