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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 104

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7 S.P. 49

In Senate, January 6, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Twitchell of Oxford.

Cosponsors: Senator Trafton of Androscoggin, Senator Dow of Kennebec
and Representative Jackson of Harrison.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Renewal of Driver's
18 Licenses for Persons 75 Years of Age or Older.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §545-B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 620,
23 §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its
24 place:

25 §545-B. Renewal of motor vehicle operator's licenses
26 for persons 75 years of age or older

27 1. Demonstration of proficiency. Any person
28 upon reaching 75 years of age, and every 2 years
29 thereafter, who applies for renewal of his motor
30 vehicle operator's license must either:

31 A. Demonstrate proficiency by successfully com-
32 pleting a driver's refresher program approved by
33 the Secretary of State; or

1 B. Successfully complete a driving evaluation
2 test administered through the office of the
3 Secretary of State. The form of this evaluation
4 shall be established by the Secretary of State
5 and the evaluation shall be intended to advise
6 the applicant of skills that he lacks or areas of
7 weakness that should be corrected through driving
8 instruction. If the applicant does not success-
9 fully complete an evaluation pursuant to this
10 paragraph, the Secretary of State may require
11 that the applicant successfully complete a driver
12 refresher course pursuant to paragraph A within
13 180 days before the applicant's license may be
14 renewed.

15 2. Notification. The Secretary of State shall
16 provide each holder of a motor vehicle operator's li-
17 cence who attains the age of 75 years with a list of
18 approved driver refresher courses within the State.

19 Any schedule of rates or rating plan rules for pri-
20 mate passenger automobile liability and physical dam-
21 age insurance submitted to, or filed with, the Super-
22 intendent of Insurance shall provide for an appropri-
23 ate reduction in premium charges for those insured 55
24 years of age and older, for a 3-year period after
25 successfully completing a motor vehicle accident pre-
26 vention course meeting the Secretary of State cri-
27 teria, provided that such a course specifically ad-
28 dresses the demonstrated needs of the driver 55 years
29 of age and older.

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 The purpose of this bill is to change the law
32 concerning motor vehicle operator licenses for per-
33 sons 75 years of age or older. This bill requires
34 that an applicant for license renewal demonstrate his
35 driving proficiency either by completing a driver
36 refresher course or by having an evaluation conducted
37 by the Secretary of State.

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