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L.D. 564
(Filing No. H-38)

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 383, L.D. 564, "Resolve, To Allow Maine Drivers To Use Bioptic or Telescopic Spectacles When Driving Class C Motor Vehicles and When Testing for a Class C Driver's License"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Study Vision Requirements for Obtaining a Driver's License and To Review the Current Prohibition on the Use of Telescopic or Bioptic Lenses while Driving'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Working group to study vision requirements for obtaining a driver's license and to review the current prohibition on the use of telescopic or bioptic lenses while driving. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, referred to in this resolve as "the bureau," and the Medical Advisory Board, referred to in this resolve as "the board," established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 84, shall convene a working group to examine current vision standards, adopted by rule by the department, to qualify for a driver's license. The working group shall review the bureau's current rule prohibiting the use of telescopic or bioptic lenses for the purposes of meeting any of the visual acuity requirements for obtaining a driver's license and while driving a motor vehicle; and be it further

Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved: That the bureau and the board shall work with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, licensed physicians representing the specialty of ophthalmology, advocates for those with low vision and certified orientation and mobility specialists, when conducting the study under section 1; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That by January 15, 2014 the bureau shall submit a written report of the findings under this resolve and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 383, L.D. 564

1 Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session
2 of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of this report.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment, which strikes and replaces the resolve, directs the Department of
5 the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Medical Advisory Board to
6 convene a working group to examine current vision standards to qualify for a driver's
7 license. The amendment also directs the working group to review the bureau's current
8 rule prohibiting the use of telescopic or bioptic lenses for the purposes of meeting any of
9 the visual acuity requirements for obtaining a driver's license and while driving a motor
10 vehicle. The amendment directs the bureau to report to the Joint Standing Committee on
11 Transportation no later than January 15, 2014. The amendment also gives the Joint
12 Standing Committee on Transportation authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular
13 Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of this report.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 (See attached)



Approved: 03/26/13 *MGC*

126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 564

LR 1272(02)

Resolve, To Allow Maine Drivers To Use Bioptic or Telescopic Spectacles When Driving Class C Motor Vehicles and When Testing for a Class C Driver's License

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-38)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of the Secretary of State associated with convening a working group and reporting the findings can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.