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Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Licensing of Persons Operating Motor Vehicles
upon Highways and to Make Uniform the Law Relating Thereto.

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

Sec. 1. Definitions. The following words and phrases when used in this act shall, for the purpose of this act, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this article.

(a) **Vehicle.** Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(b) **Motor vehicle.** Every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.

(c) **Farm tractor.** Every motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other implements of husbandry.

(d) **School bus.** Every motor vehicle owned by a public or governmental agency and operated for the transportation of children to or from school or privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from school.

(e) **Person.** Every natural person, firm, copartnership, association, or corporation.

(f) **Operator.** Every person, other than a chauffeur, who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle upon a highway.

(g) **Chauffeur.** Every person who is employed for the principal purpose of operating a motor vehicle and every person who drives a motor vehicle while in use as a public or common carrier of persons or property.

(h) **Owner.** A person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or in the event a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this act.

(i) **Nonresident.** Every person who is not a resident of this state.

(j) **Street or highway.** The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular traffic.¹

(k) **Commissioner.** The commissioner of motor vehicles of this state.

(l) **Department.** The department of motor vehicles of this state acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents.

Sec. 2. Operators and chauffeurs must be licensed. (a) No person, except those hereinafter expressly exempted shall drive any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless such person has a valid license as an operator or chauffeur under the provisions of this act. No person shall operate a motor vehicle as a chauffeur unless he holds a valid chauffeur's license.

(b) Any person holding a valid chauffeur's license hereunder need not procure an operator's license.

Sec. 3. What persons are exempt from license. The following persons are exempt from license hereunder :

1. Any person while operating a motor vehicle in the service of the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States ;

2. Any person while driving or operating any road machine, farm tractor, or implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a highway ;

¹ This definition renders the terms "street" and "highway" synonymous and interchangeable.

3. A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid operator's license issued to him in his home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this state only as an operator;

4. A nonresident who is at least 18 years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid chauffeur's license issued to him in his home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this state either as an operator or chauffeur except any such person must be licensed as a chauffeur hereunder before accepting employment as a chauffeur from a resident of this state;

5. Any nonresident who is at least 18 years of age, whose home state or country does not require the licensing of operators, may operate a motor vehicle as an operator only, for a period of not more than 90 days in any calendar year, if the motor vehicle so operated is duly registered in the home state or country of such nonresident.

Sec. 4. What persons shall not be licensed. The department shall not issue any license hereunder :

1. To any person, as an operator, who is under the age of 16 years, except that the department may issue a restricted license as hereinafter provided to any person who is at least 14 years of age;²

2. To any person, as a chauffeur, who is under the age of 18 years ;

3. To any person, as an operator or chauffeur, whose license has been suspended during such suspension nor to any person whose license has been revoked, until the expiration of 1 year after such license was revoked ;

4. To any person, as an operator or chauffeur, who is an habitual drunkard, or is addicted to the use of narcotic drugs ;

5. To any person, as an operator or chauffeur, who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from any mental disability or disease and who has not at the time of application been restored to competency by the methods provided by law ;

6. To any person, as an operator or chauffeur, who is required by this act to take an examination, unless such person shall have successfully passed such examination ;

7. To any person who is required under the provisions of the motor

² It is recognized that the desirable minimum age limit for operators in a particular state may depend very largely upon the accident records of minors, the hazards upon the highways, and other conditions in the state and it is recommended that these factors be carefully considered in determining such minimum age and from time to time thereafter to determine whether any change should be made in the established minimum age.

vehicle financial responsibility laws of this state to deposit proof of financial responsibility and who has not deposited such proof;³

8. To any person when the commissioner has good cause to believe that such person by reason of physical or mental disability would not be able to operate a motor vehicle with safety upon the highways.

Sec. 5. Special restrictions on drivers of school busses and public or common-carrier motor vehicles. (a) No person who is under the age of 21 years shall drive any motor vehicle while in use as a school bus for the transportation of pupils to or from school, nor any motor vehicle while in use as a public or common carrier of persons or property, nor in either event until he has been licensed as a chauffeur and received a special chauffeur's license.

(b) No person shall be granted a special chauffeur's license unless he has had 1 year of driving experience prior to the issuance thereof, nor until he files with the department a certificate showing his employment as such chauffeur and 1 or more certificates signed by a total of at least 3 responsible people to whom he is well known certifying as to his good character and habits.

(c) No such license shall be granted until the department is fully satisfied as to the applicant's competency and fitness to be so employed.

(d) The department may, in its discretion, impose such rules and regulations for the exercise of such special chauffeurs' licenses as it may deem necessary for the safety and welfare of the traveling public.

Sec. 6. Instruction permits and temporary licenses. (a) Any person who, except for his lack of instruction in operating a motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain an operator's license under this act, may apply for a temporary instruction permit, and the department shall issue such permit, entitling the applicant, while having such permit in his immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a period of 60 days, but, except when operating a motorcycle, such person must be accompanied by a licensed operator or chauffeur who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver.

(b) The department may, in its discretion, issue a temporary driver's permit to an applicant for an operator's license permitting him to operate a motor vehicle while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to such applicant's right to receive an operator's license. Such permit must be in his immediate possession while

³ For adoption in those states which have in effect a motor vehicle financial responsibility act.

operating a motor vehicle, and it shall be invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.

Sec. 7. Application for license or instruction permit. (a) Every application for an instruction permit or for an operator's or chauffeur's license shall be made upon a form furnished by the department and shall be verified by the application before a person authorized to administer oaths, and officers and employees of the department are hereby authorized to administer such oaths without charge (and every said application shall be accompanied by the required fee).

(b) Every said application shall state the full name, date of birth, sex, and residence address of the applicant, and briefly describe the applicant, and shall state whether the applicant has theretofore been licensed as an operator or chauffeur, and, if so, when and by what state or country, and whether any such license has ever been suspended or revoked, or whether an application has ever been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for such suspension, revocation, or refusal.

Sec. 8. Applications of minors. (a) The application of any person under the age of 18 years for an instruction permit or operator's license shall be signed and verified before a person authorized to administer oaths by both the father and mother of the applicant, if both are living and have custody of him, or in the event neither parent is living then by the person or guardian having such custody or by an employer of such minor, or in the event there is no guardian or employer then by other responsible person who is willing to assume the obligation imposed under this act upon a person signing the application of a minor.

(b) Any negligence or willful misconduct of a minor under the age of 18 years when driving a motor vehicle upon a highway shall be imputed to the person who has signed the application of such minor for a permit or license, which person shall be jointly and severally liable with such minor for any damages caused by such negligence or willful misconduct (except as otherwise provided in the next succeeding paragraph).

(c) In the event a minor deposits or there is deposited upon his behalf proof of financial responsibility in respect to the operation of a motor vehicle owned by him, or if not the owner of a motor vehicle, then with respect to the operation of any motor vehicle, in form and in amounts as required under the motor vehicle financial responsibility laws of this state, then the department may accept the application of such minor when signed by one parent or the guardian of such minor, and while such proof is main-

tained such parent or guardian shall not be subject to the liability imposed under the preceding paragraph of this section.⁴

Sec. 9. Release from liability. Any person who has signed the application of a minor for a license may thereafter file with the department a verified written request that the license of said minor so granted be canceled. Thereupon the department shall cancel the license of said minor and the person who signed the application of such minor shall be relieved from the liability imposed under this act by reason of having signed such application on account of any subsequent negligence or willful misconduct of such minor in operating a motor vehicle.

Sec. 10. Revocation of license upon death of person signing minor's application. The department upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the death of the persons who signed the application of a minor for a license shall cancel such license and shall not issue a new license until such time as a new application, duly signed and verified, is made as required by this act. This provision shall not apply in the event the minor has attained the age of 18 years.

Sec. 11. Examination of applicants. (a) The department shall examine every applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's license, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such examination shall be held in the county where the applicant resides within not more than 10 days from the date application is made. It shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, his ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, his knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, and shall include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle.⁵

(b) The department shall issue without examination an operator's license to any person applying therefor within 3 months after this section takes effect who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the department that he is not disqualified under the provisions of this act and that he has previously operated a motor vehicle in a satisfactory manner for a period of not less than 1 year.⁶

⁴ Subparagraph (c) suitable for adoption in those states which adopt a motor vehicle financial responsibility law.

⁵ A state upon adopting the above provision may desire, in the interest of traffic safety, to add the following: "and such further physical and mental examinations as the department finds necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways."

⁶ For adoption in those states not previously requiring the licensing of operators and chauffeurs.

Sec. 12. Commissioner may appoint local examiners. The commissioner may appoint as examiners sheriffs, chiefs of police, or other officials or private citizens whom he deems qualified. Any sheriff, chief of police, or other person accepting appointment as an examiner shall conduct examinations hereunder and make such written report of findings and recommendations to the department as it may require.

Sec. 13. Licenses issued to operators and chauffeurs. (a) The department shall (upon payment of the required fee), issue to every applicant qualifying therefor an operator's or chauffeur's license as applied for, which license shall bear thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full name, date of birth, residence address and a brief description of the licensee, and a space upon which the licensee shall write his usual signature with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the license. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee.

(b) Every chauffeur's license shall bear thereon a photograph of the licensee, which shall be furnished by him, and the department shall issue with every chauffeur's license a chauffeur's badge of metal with a plainly readable distinguishing number assigned to the licensee stamped thereon and every chauffeur shall display such chauffeur's badge in plain sight upon the band of his cap or upon the lapel of his outer coat while operating a motor vehicle as a public or common carrier of persons or property.

Sec. 14. License to be carried and exhibited on demand. Every licensee shall have his operator's or chauffeur's license in his immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall display the same, upon demand of a justice of the peace, a peace officer, or a field deputy or inspector of the department. However, no person charged with violating this section shall be convicted if he produces in court an operator's or chauffeur's license theretofore issued to him and valid at the time of his arrest.

Sec. 15. Restricted licenses. (a) The department upon issuing an operator's or chauffeur's license shall have authority whenever good cause appears to impose restrictions suitable to the licensee's driving ability with respect to the type of or special mechanical control devices required on a motor vehicle which the licensee may operate or such other restrictions applicable to the licensee as the department may determine to be appropriate to assure the safe operation of a motor vehicle by the licensee.

(b) The department may either issue a special restricted license or may set forth such restrictions upon the usual license form.

(c) The department may upon receiving satisfactory evidence of any violation of the restrictions of such license suspend or revoke the same but the licensees shall be entitled to a hearing as upon a suspension or revocation under this act.

(d) It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a restricted license issued to him.

Sec. 16. Duplicate certificates and chauffeurs' badges. In the event that an instruction permit or operator's or chauffeur's license or chauffeur's badge issued under the provisions of this act is lost or destroyed, the person to whom the same was issued may (upon payment of the required fee) obtain a duplicate, or substitute thereof, upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that such permit, license, or badge has been lost or destroyed.

Sec. 17. Expiration of license. (a) Every operator's license shall expire July 1st (each year) (or) in the 3rd year following the issuance of such license. Every such license shall be renewable on or before its expiration upon application (and payment of the required fee) and shall be renewed without examination unless the commissioner has reason to believe that the licensee is no longer qualified to receive a license.

(b) Every chauffeur's license shall expire July 1st each year and shall be renewable on or before its expiration date upon application and payment of the required fee. The department may in its discretion waive examination upon renewal of a chauffeur's license.

Sec. 18. Notice of change of address or name. Whenever any person after applying for or receiving an operator's or chauffeur's license shall move from the address named in such application or in the license issued to him or when the name of a licensee is changed by marriage or otherwise such person shall within 10 days thereafter notify the department in writing of his old and new addresses or of such former and new names and of the number of any license then held by him.

Sec. 19. Records to be kept by the department. (a) The department shall file every application for a license received by it and shall maintain suitable indices containing, in alphabetical order:

1. All applications denied and on each thereof note the reasons for such denial;
2. All applications granted; and

3. The name of every licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked by the department and after each such name note the reasons for such action.

(b) The department shall also file all accident reports and abstracts of court records of convictions received by it under the laws of this state and in connection therewith maintain convenient records or make suitable notations in order that an individual record of each licensee showing the convictions of such licensee and the traffic accidents in which he has been involved shall be readily ascertainable and available for the consideration of the department upon any application for renewal of license and at other suitable times.⁷

Sec. 20. Authority of department to cancel license. (a) The department is hereby authorized to cancel any operator's or chauffeur's license upon determining that the licensee was not entitled to the issuance thereof hereunder or that said licensee failed to give the required or correct information in his application or committed any fraud in making such application.

(b) Upon such cancelation, the licensee must surrender the license so canceled and any chauffeur's badge to the department.

Sec. 21. Suspending privileges of nonresidents and reporting convictions. (a) The privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the highways of this state given to a nonresident hereunder shall be subject to suspension or revocation by the department in like manner and for like cause as an operator's or chauffeur's license issued hereunder may be suspended or revoked.

(b) The department is further authorized, upon receiving a record of the conviction in this state of a nonresident driver of a motor vehicle of any offense under the motor vehicle laws of this state, to forward a certified copy of such record to the motor vehicle administrator in the state wherein the person so convicted is a resident.

Sec. 22. Suspending resident's license upon conviction in another state. The department is authorized to suspend or revoke the license of any resident of this state upon receiving notice of the conviction of such person in

⁷ This is believed a most desirable provision if the license law is to serve the purpose intended and afford opportunity to refuse renewal of license and to suspend or revoke the licenses of those responsible for traffic accidents or frequently convicted of traffic violations. In this connection it is very important that the state adopt as part of its motor vehicle laws those provisions requiring reports of traffic accidents contained in act V of the Uniform Vehicle Code.

another state of an offense therein which, if committed in this state, would be grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of an operator or chauffeur.

Sec. 23. When court to forward license to department and report convictions. (a) Whenever any person is convicted of any offense for which this act makes mandatory the revocation of the operator's or chauffeur's license of such person by the department, the court in which such conviction is had shall require the surrender to it of all operator's and chauffeur's licenses then held by the person so convicted and the court shall thereupon forward the same together with a record of such conviction to the department.⁸

(b) Every court having jurisdiction over offenses committed under this act, or any other act of this state regulating the operation of motor vehicles on highways, shall forward to the department a record of the conviction of any person in said court for a violation of any said laws, and may recommend the suspension of the operator's or chauffeur's license of the person so convicted.

(c) For the purposes of this act the term "conviction" shall mean a final conviction. Also, for the purposes of this act a forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court, which forfeiture has not been vacated, shall be equivalent to a conviction.

Sec. 24. Mandatory revocation of license by department. The department shall forthwith revoke the license of any operator or chauffeur upon receiving a record of such operator's or chauffeur's conviction of any of the following offenses, when such conviction has become final:

1. Manslaughter (or negligent homicide) resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle;
2. Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a narcotic drug;
3. Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used;
4. Failure to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another;
5. Perjury or the making of a false affidavit or statement under oath to the department under this act or under any other law relating to the ownership or operation of motor vehicles;

⁸ This paragraph is desirable as a means to carry out mandatory revocation as hereinafter provided.

6. Conviction, or forfeiture of bail not vacated, upon 3 charges of reckless driving committed within a period of 12 months.⁹

Sec. 25. Authority of department to suspend or revoke license.

(a) The department is hereby authorized to suspend the license of an operator or chauffeur without preliminary hearing upon a showing by its records or other sufficient evidence that the licensee:

1. Has committed an offense for which mandatory revocation of license is required upon conviction;
2. Has been involved as a driver in any accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another or serious property damage;
3. Is an habitually reckless or negligent driver of a motor vehicle;
4. Is an habitual violator of the traffic laws;
5. Is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle;
6. Has permitted an unlawful or fraudulent use of such license; or
7. Has committed an offense in another state which if committed in this state would be grounds for suspension or revocation.

(b) Upon suspending the license of any person as hereinbefore in this section authorized the department shall immediately notify the licensee in writing and upon his request shall afford him an opportunity for a hearing as early as practical within not to exceed 20 days after receipt of such request in the county wherein the licensee resides unless the department and the licensee agree that such hearing may be held in some other county. Upon such hearing the commissioner or his duly authorized agent may administer oaths and may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books and papers and may require a reexamination of the licensee. Upon such hearing the department shall either rescind its order of suspension or, good cause appearing therefor, may extend the suspension of such license or revoke such license.

Sec. 26. Period of suspension or revocation. The department shall not suspend a license for a period of more than 1 year and upon revoking a license shall not in any event grant application for a new license until the expiration of 1 year after such revocation.

Sec. 27. Surrender and return of license and badge. The department upon suspending or revoking a license shall require that such license and

⁹ Where the offenses above enumerated are defined and penalties provided in the criminal code of the state it would be sufficient in the above section to refer by number to such sections of the criminal code without specifically describing such offenses in the above section.

the badge of any chauffeur whose license is suspended or revoked shall be surrendered to and be retained by the department except that at the end of the period of suspension such license and any chauffeur's badge so surrendered shall be returned to the licensee.

Sec. 28. No operation under foreign license during suspension or revocation in this state. Any resident or nonresident whose operator's or chauffeur's license or right or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked as provided in this act shall not operate a motor vehicle in this state under a license, permit, or registration certificate issued by any other jurisdiction or otherwise during such suspension or after such revocation until a new license is obtained when and as permitted under this act.

Sec. 29. Right of appeal to court. Any person denied a license or whose license has been canceled, suspended, or revoked by the department except where such cancelation or revocation is mandatory under the provisions of this act shall have the right to file a petition within 30 days thereafter for a hearing in the matter in (a court of record) in the county wherein such person shall reside and such court is hereby vested with jurisdiction and it shall be its duty to set the matter for hearing upon 30 days' written notice to the commissioner, and thereupon to take testimony and examine into the facts of the case and to determine whether the petitioner is entitled to a license or is subject to suspension, cancelation, or revocation of license under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 30. Unlawful use of license. It is a misdemeanor for any person:

1. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or have in his possession any canceled, revoked, suspended, fictitious or fraudulently altered operator's or chauffeur's license;
2. To lend his operator's or chauffeur's license to any other person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another;
3. To display or represent as one's own any operator's or chauffeur's license not issued to him;
4. To fail or refuse to surrender to the department upon its lawful demand any operator's or chauffeur's license which has been suspended, revoked or canceled;
5. To use a false or fictitious name in any application for an operator's or chauffeur's license or to knowingly make a false statement or to knowingly conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application;

6. To permit any unlawful use of an operator's or chauffeur's license issued to him; or
7. To do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by this act.

Sec. 31. Making false affidavit perjury. Any person who makes any false affidavit, or knowingly swears or affirms falsely to any matter or thing required by the terms of this act to be sworn to or affirmed, is guilty of perjury and upon conviction shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment as other persons committing perjury are punishable.

Sec. 32. Driving while license suspended or revoked. Any person whose operator's or chauffeur's license, or driving privilege as a non-resident, has been canceled, suspended or revoked as provided in this act, and who drives any motor vehicle upon the highways of this state while such license or privilege is canceled, suspended, or revoked, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 2 days or more than 6 months and there may be imposed in addition thereto a fine of not more than \$500.

Sec. 33. Permitting unauthorized minor to drive. No person shall cause or knowingly permit his child or ward under the age of 18 years to drive a motor vehicle upon any highway when such minor is not authorized hereunder or in violation of any of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 34. Permitting unauthorized person to drive. No person shall authorize or knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned by him or under his control to be driven upon any highway by any person who is not authorized hereunder or in violation of any of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 35. Employing unlicensed chauffeur. No person shall employ as a chauffeur of a motor vehicle any person not then licensed as provided in this act.¹⁰

Sec. 36. Renting motor vehicle to another. (a) No person shall rent a motor vehicle to any other person unless the latter person is then duly licensed hereunder or, in the case of a nonresident, then duly licensed under the laws of the state or country of his residence except a nonresident whose home state or country does not require that an operator be licensed.

(b) No person shall rent a motor vehicle to another until he has in-

¹⁰ In every instance a chauffeur must be licensed either in this or his home state.

spected the operator's or chauffeur's license of the person to whom the vehicle is to be rented and compared and verified the signature thereon with the signature of such person written in his presence.

(c) Every person renting a motor vehicle to another shall keep a record of the registration number of the motor vehicle so rented, the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle is rented, the number of the license of said latter person and the date and place when and where said license was issued. Such record shall be open to inspection by any police officer or officer or employee of the department.

Sec. 37. Penalty for misdemeanor. (a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this act unless such violation is by this act or other law of this state declared to be a felony.

(b) Unless another penalty is in this act or by the laws of this state provided, every person convicted of a misdemeanor for the violation of any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 38. Uniformity of interpretation. This act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

Sec. 39. Short title. This act may be cited as the uniform motor vehicle operators' and chauffeurs' license act.

Sec. 40. Constitutionality. If any part or parts of this act shall be held to be unconstitutional such unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this act. The legislature hereby declares that it would have passed the remaining parts of this act if it had known that such part or parts thereof would be declared unconstitutional.

Sec. 41. Repeal. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.