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**Legislative Document**

**No. 746**

H. P. 1691

House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Paul of Portland.

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## S T A T E O F M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Operators' Licenses.**

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

**R. S., c. 29, § 33, amended.** Section 33 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 46 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 33. Applications for operators' licenses; licensee may operate any registered vehicle unless specifically limited; exceptions.** Applications to operate motor vehicles shall be presented by mail or otherwise to the secretary of state upon blanks prepared under his authority, and which shall therein call for specific answers to questions of a character designed to show the experience and competency of the applicant to operate a motor vehicle; a fee of \$2 shall accompany the application. Before the license is granted, an applicant shall be required to pass such physical examination and such examination by actual demonstration or otherwise as to his qualifications to operate a motor vehicle as the said secretary shall require; provided said secretary may waive such examinations in the case of applicants who have been duly licensed by this state to operate a motor vehicle during any one of the 3 preceding calendar years; and no license shall be issued until the said secretary is satisfied that the applicant is a proper person to receive it. **Except as herein provided** no license shall be issued

to any person under ~~fifteen~~ 17 years of age. **The secretary of state, subject to the other provisions of this section, may, however, issue a limited or restricted license to a minor not under the age of 16, which shall entitle said minor to operate a registered motor vehicle only when accompanied by a parent or guardian having the custody of said minor.** A record of all applications for license and of all licenses issued shall be kept by the said secretary. Each license shall state the name, age, place of residence of the licensee and the distinguishing numbers or marks assigned to him and may contain a brief description of the licensee for the purpose of identification and such other information as the said secretary shall deem necessary. A person to whom a license to operate a motor vehicle has been issued, unless such license contains a special limitation or restriction, may operate any registered motor vehicle; **provided, however, that it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to operate within this state a school bus, bus, taxicab or other public or livery conveyance designed for the carriage of passengers for hire or otherwise.** Every licensee shall endorse his usual signature upon the margin of the license before using it, and no license shall be valid until so endorsed; **provided further that any minor having a license to operate motor vehicles for the calendar year of 1939 shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles during said calendar year.'**