

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 704

H. P. 1203

House of Representatives, February 13, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Carpenter of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Authorize the Secretary of State to Issue Operators' Licenses for One, Two, Three or Five Years' Validity.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 48, amended. Section 48 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 48. Applications for operators' licenses, termination of; licensee may operate any registered vehicle unless specifically limited. Applications ~~to operate motor vehicles for motor vehicle operators' licenses of 1, 2, 3 or 5 years' validity~~ 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 **for each year said license shall be valid** 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 examination 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. No license shall be issued to any person under 15 years of age. Any person required to take an examination to qualify him to operate a motor vehicle shall pay a fee of \$1 to the secretary of state which fee shall be paid before the examination is given and shall be applied by him for defraying the expense of giving such examination; except that any person required to take such examination because of advanced age or physical disability shall not be required to pay said examination fee of \$1. 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, **the number of years said license shall be valid**, 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. Every licensee shall indorse his usual signature upon the margin of the license before using it, and no license shall be valid until so indorsed.

~~No person shall operate any motor vehicle on or after the 1st day of January of any year unless then duly licensed to operate such vehicle for such year.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 49, amended. Section 49 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 49. Operators' licenses issued, only when poll-tax has been paid. No person required by law to pay a poll-tax in this state shall be granted a license to operate a motor vehicle until he shall present a receipt or certificate that he has paid his poll-tax in the town where he resided for the year preceding that for which the license is applied for, **or for the several years during which said license shall be valid**, or written evidence from the taxing authority of that town that he was legally exempted therefrom or that the tax has been abated.'