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Referred to the Committee on Transportation, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dennett of York

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Junior Operators' Licenses for Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 50, repealed and replaced. Section 50 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

'Sec. 50. Junior operators' licenses. No operator's license shall be issued to any person under 18 years of age, except that junior operators' licenses may be issued to minors who have arrived at the age of 16 years, but who have not reached 18 years of age. Provided, however, that such license shall not entitle a licensee to operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the state for compensation. The extent to which a holder of a junior operator's license may operate a motor vehicle thereunder shall be printed on each such license and any holder of such a license who operates a motor vehicle otherwise than as indicated on his license shall be deemed to be operating a motor vehicle without being duly licensed under this chapter. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of application for the junior operator's license and each applicant shall submit with his application either a birth, baptismal or school certificate, or a duly acknowledged consent of the applicant's parent or guardian to the issuance of such license.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 53, amended. Section 53 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 53. Unlicensed persons not to operate motor vehicles. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any way in this state unless licensed according to the provisions of this chapter; ~~but the provisions of this section shall not prevent the operation of a motor vehicle by an unlicensed person, not less than 15 years of age, if riding beside a licensed operator in said vehicle for the purpose of becoming familiar with the use and handling of a motor vehicle preparatory to taking out license for driving; and provided further, that such unlicensed person has not theretofore had a license revoked, suspended, or finally refused.~~