

1 S.239

2 Introduced by Senator Clarkson

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; operator's licenses; renewal; older drivers

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require
7 residents 80 years of age or older to appear in person and pass a vision test in
8 order to renew an operator's license and residents 85 years of age or older to
9 pass a road test.

10 An act relating to requirements for older drivers to renew operator's
11 licenses

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 632 is amended to read:

14 § 632. EXAMINATION REQUIRED; WAIVER

15 (a) Before an operator's or a junior operator's license is issued to an
16 applicant for the first time in this State, or before a renewal license is issued to
17 an applicant whose previous Vermont license had expired more than three
18 years prior to the application for renewal, the applicant shall pass a satisfactory
19 examination, except that the Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, waive
20 the examination when the applicant holds a chauffeur's or operator's license in

1 force at the time of application or within one year of the application in some
2 other jurisdiction where an examination is required similar to the examination
3 required in this State.

4 (b) The examination shall consist of:

5 (1) an oral or written examination;

6 (2) a thorough road test; and

7 (3) at the discretion of the Commissioner, such other examination or
8 demonstration as he or she may prescribe, including an oral eye examination.

9 (c) An applicant may have an individual of his or her choosing at the oral
10 examination or road test to serve as an interpreter, including to translate any
11 oral commands given as part of the road test.

12 (d) Before a renewal license is issued to an applicant 80 years of age or
13 older, the applicant must appear in person at a Department location and pass a
14 vision test.

15 (e) Before a renewal license is issued to an applicant 85 years of age or
16 older, the applicant must pass the road test component of the examination.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.