

1 S.276

2 Introduced by Senator MacDonald

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 Vermonters 75 years of age or older to appear in person and pass both a vision  
8 test and road test in order to renew an operator's license.

9 An act relating to requirements for drivers who are elders to renew  
10 operator's licenses

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

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

13 § 632. EXAMINATION REQUIRED; WAIVER

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

1 three years prior to the application in some other jurisdiction where an  
2 examination is required similar to the examination required in this State.

3 (b) The examination shall consist of:

4 (1) an oral or written examination;

5 (2) a thorough road test; and

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

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

13 (d) Before a renewal license is issued to an applicant 75 years of age or  
14 older, the applicant must appear in person at a Department location and pass a  
15 vision test and the road test component of the examination.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.