

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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H.P. 383 - L.D. 564

Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Study Vision Requirements for Obtaining a Driver's License and To Review the Current Prohibition on the Use of Telescopic or Bioptic Lenses while Driving

Sec. 1. Working group to study vision requirements for obtaining a driver's license and to review the current prohibition on the use of telescopic or bioptic lenses while driving. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, referred to in this resolve as "the bureau," and the Medical Advisory Board, referred to in this resolve as "the board," established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 84, shall convene a working group to examine current vision standards, adopted by rule by the department, to qualify for a driver's license. The working group shall review the bureau's current rule prohibiting the use of telescopic or bioptic lenses for the purposes of meeting any of the visual acuity requirements for obtaining a driver's license and while driving a motor vehicle; and be it further

Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved: That the bureau and the board shall work with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, licensed physicians representing the specialty of ophthalmology, advocates for those with low vision and certified orientation and mobility specialists, when conducting the study under section 1; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That by January 15, 2014 the bureau shall submit a written report of the findings under this resolve and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of this report.