

ACT 269

S.B. NO. 382

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 286-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) The examiner of drivers shall examine every applicant for a driver’s license, except as otherwise provided in this part. [[The examination[]] shall include a test of [the]:

- (1) The applicant’s eyesight and [such] any further physical examination as the examiner of drivers finds necessary to determine the applicant’s fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways; [the]
- (2) The applicant’s ability to understand highway signs regulating, warn- ing, and directing traffic; [the]

- (3) The applicant's knowledge of the rules of the road based on the traffic laws of the State and the traffic ordinances of the county where the applicant resides or [where the applicant] intends to operate a motor vehicle; and
- (4) The actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. The examinations shall be appropriate to the operation of the category of motor vehicle for which the applicant seeks to be licensed and shall be conducted as required by the [state] director [of transportation].

The examiner of drivers may waive the actual demonstration of ability to operate a motorcycle or motor scooter for any person who furnishes evidence, to the satisfaction of the examiner of drivers, that the person has completed the motorcycle education course approved by the director in accordance with section 431:10G-104.

At the time of examination, an application for voter registration by mail shall be made available to every applicant[.] for a driver's license.'

SECTION 2. The director of transportation shall review the skill test included in all motorcycle and motor scooter education courses offered in the State of Hawaii that are presently recognized by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to determine which courses the director shall approve as qualifying for the waiver provided in section 1 of this Act. The director of transportation shall report findings and recommendations, if any, to the legislature twenty days before the convening of the regular session of 1998.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1998.

(Approved June 21, 1997.)