



ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs
**YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
Legislative Bill**

Bill # 50

**Referred to Committee:
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Action on the Bill

Assembly	Senate
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1 **AN ACT TO:** Help keep older drivers safe on the road through restrictions.

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3 **The People of the State of New York, represented**
4 **in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:**

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6 **Purpose:**

7 To stop older drivers from driving if they can't pass tests that are required to drive.

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9 **Summary of Provisions:**

10 Section 1:

11 Older drivers: drivers from the age of 70 and above

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13 Section 2: Older drivers should be required to get routine check-ups and be required to pass physicals. This would
14 help to determine deficiencies in their health and whether they should continue driving or not.

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16 **Justification:** People that are overage are sometimes not fit to drive, but they still do, causing car crashes, and killing
17 people. According to the CDC, "In 2014, more than 5,700 older adults were killed and more than 236,000 were
18 treated in emergency room for motor vehicle injuries. This amounts to 16 older adults killed and 648 injured in
19 crashes on average every day. There were more than 40 million licensed older drivers in 2015, which is a 50 percent
20 increase from 1999". Who is at risk? "Age-related declines in vision and cognitive functioning (ability to reason and
21 remember), as well as physical changes, may affect some older adults' driving abilities." says the CDC. Elderly drivers
22 should be required to take vision tests every three months to make sure their vision is not impaired. Also, they should
23 get physical tests to determine if a person is fit or not. Additionally hearing tests should be done quarterly to make
24 sure that they aren't hearing impaired. These drivers should be required to surrender their license if they fail any of
25 the tests or don't comply with the regulation of the tests.

26 https://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/older_adult_drivers/index.html

27 <https://www.dmv.org/senior-driving/how-to-surrender-license.php>

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29 **Fiscal Impact:**

30 This will have a minimal impact on New York State

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32 **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

33 December 1, 2018

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