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Committee Assignment: Assembly Freedom 2

Bill #: AF-13

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3 **AN ACT TO:** Amend New York State Vehicle & Traffic Law Section 506 (1) to
4 require that individuals over the age of 70 retake their driver's test.

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

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Purpose:

10 Mandate any individual in New York State at the age of 65, unless however it is the
11 discretion of the commissioner to require a re-evaluation, to retake the road test.

12 **Section 1**

13 Road Test- a test of the performance of a vehicle or engine on the road

14 Re-Evaluation- the action of assessing or evaluating something again or differently

15 **Section 2**

16 New York State Vehicle & Traffic Law Section 506 (1) states that: "If the
17 Commissioner has "reasonable grounds" to believe that a person holding a license
18 is not qualified to drive a motor vehicle, the Commissioner may require such person
19 submit to an examination to determine their qualifications." Reasonable grounds
20 will now be defined to include any individuals above 65. In New York State drivers
21 are required to take an eyesight test when they reach an age where they must
22 renew their license. This is currently the only test that is taken to ensure the
23 driver's safety in New York State. Police officers by the Police Agency Request for
24 Driver Review, physicians and other individuals are also able to report drivers that
25 may need a medical reevaluation. Adding the age requirement for a re-evaluated
26 road test can reduce the amount of dangers on the roads caused by drivers over
27 the age of 65. Drivers the age of 65 and over are a danger to pedestrians and other
28 drivers, so they should be retested to prove they are not a danger.

29 **Justification**

30 Adding this age requirement can reduce car accidents in New York caused by
31 drivers 65 and older. Drivers over the age of 65 start to have impairments including
32 eyesight and their reaction time increases, meaning they take a longer time to
33 react and make decisions while driving. These factors cause a danger to the driver,
34 passengers, and other drivers on the roads. Over the past year, 14 million
35 Americans aged 18 to 64 were estimated to be involved in accidents caused by
36 drivers aged 65 and over. The re-evaluation of this test The re-evaluation is to test
37 drivers on whether they are still able to drive safely, and if they fail their license will
38 be taken away. The driver only has to retake the road test itself, not the 5 hour
39 course or the written permit test.

40 **Effective Date:**

41 This bill will go into effect a year after passage.

42 **Fiscal Implications:**

43 10 Dollars per re-evaluation