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Committee Assignment: Assembly Freedom 4

Bill #: AF-29

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3 **An Act To:** Amend Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 19 § 506 to require persons over
4 70 to retake their road test.

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

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8 **Purpose**

9 The purpose of our bill is to keep the roads safer and to make sure drivers over 70
10 are still able to drive safely and to the best of their ability.

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12 **Summary of Provisions**

13 **Section 1: Definitions**

14 **Commissioner:** a person appointed to a role on or by a commission.

15 **Pursuant:** in accordance with (a law or a legal document or resolution).

16 **Section 2: Provisions**

17 § 506. Reexamination of licensees. 1. If the commissioner has reasonable grounds
18 to believe that a person holding a license issued pursuant to this article is not
19 qualified to drive a motor vehicle, or the person has reached the age of 70, the
20 commissioner ~~may~~ will require such person to submit to an examination to
21 determine his qualifications. After a person reaches 80 years old, licenses must be
22 renewed every 4 years instead of 8.

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24 **Justification**

25 This bill will be established to ensure a safer environment for others and elderly
26 drivers. This will also keep elderly drivers safer by having their driving skills re-
27 assessed, since their last road test was taken a long time ago. This bill will keep
28 people safe and reduce car crashes, traffic problems and will help the elderly stay
29 safer. Many people believe they are a good driver but sometimes that's not the
30 case. As people get older, driving laws change and drivers get more lenient with
31 rules. Having a required drivers test at age 70 will help make sure drivers are up to
32 date on new rules and regulations. It will also help to make sure that the driver's
33 mental or physical state hasn't declined. Many people don't see a doctor regularly
34 and might have problems that make it difficult for them to drive.

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36 **Fiscal Implications**

37 If everyone takes the drivers test, the state will make about \$5,750,410.00 per
38 year according to New York State population demographics.

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40 **Effective Date**

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