

Senate BILL NO. *411*
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 31-117, R.C.M. 1947, TO PROVIDE FOR CIVILIAN DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 31-117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"31-117. Drivers' examination section of highway patrol. There is hereby created a drivers' examination section of the Montana highway patrol under the direct control and supervision of the Montana highway patrol board. Said board shall maintain a permanent place of business at the state capitol and shall meet at least once each month for the purpose of transacting business either as the drivers' examining board, the highway patrol board or jointly for the two. The board shall select a chief examiner and deputy chief examiner as many assistant chief examiners and examiners as it deems necessary and shall provide for the necessary clerical help division of motor vehicles. The division shall employ a chief examiner and may employ a deputy chief examiner and such other examiners as are needed to conduct the driver's license examination

program.

~~The chief examiner, deputy chief examiner, assistant chief examiners and all examiners shall have the same qualifications as are required for members of the Montana highway patrol. The chief examiner shall rank as a captain, the deputy chief examiner as a lieutenant, the assistant chief examiners shall rank as sergeants, and the examiners shall rank as patrolmen. The examiners shall possess such qualifications as the division may require. Personnel of the examination section shall be civilian employees of the department of justice and be subject to provisions of Title 59, chapter 9.~~

Section 2. There is a new R.C.M. section that reads as follows:

Transfer of personnel -- rights of employees. A highway patrol officer assigned to the drivers' examination section at the effective date of this act is entitled to all rights he possessed before the effective date of this act. If he chooses to remain with the highway patrol, he shall be transferred to regular patrol duties appropriate to his rank.

Section 3. Effective date. This act is effective January 1, 1978. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to begin hiring and training examiner personnel July 1, 1977.

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