
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PETRONE, DeWEESE, PISTELLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, GEIST,
HALUSKA, TRELLO, SIRIANNI AND PRESTON, OCTOBER 15, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 15, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for driver's license
3 examinations.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1508 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1508. Examination of applicant for driver's license.

9 (a) General rule.--Every applicant for a driver's license
10 shall be examined for the type or class of vehicles that the
11 applicant desires to drive. The examination shall include a
12 physical examination, a screening test of the applicant's
13 eyesight and a test of the applicant's ability to read and
14 understand official traffic-control devices, knowledge of safe
15 driving practices and the traffic laws of this Commonwealth, and
16 shall include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise
17 ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor
18 vehicle of the type or class of vehicles for which the applicant

1 desires a license to drive. An applicant for a Class 3 license
2 shall be tested for demonstrated ability by a member of the
3 Pennsylvania State Police who has a Class 3 license. If an
4 applicant for a Class 3 license requests testing at the site of
5 the applicant's employment, the testing for demonstrated ability
6 shall take place at the site of the applicant's employment. If
7 the department finds it necessary to further determine an
8 applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the
9 highways the department may require one or more of the following
10 types of examinations:

11 (1) A vision examination by an optometrist or
12 ophthalmologist.

13 (2) A physical examination.

14 (3) A mental examination.

15 (b) Issuance of license to licensed nonresident.--A driver's
16 license may be issued to a person who has not had a learner's
17 permit but who at the time of application is of sufficient age
18 and has a valid driver's license issued by another state under a
19 law requiring the examination and licensing of drivers,
20 providing that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and
21 understanding of rules of the road and official traffic-control
22 devices and is visually, physically and mentally fit. Also, the
23 department must be satisfied that the applicant's experience in
24 driving vehicles which may be driven by holders of the classes
25 of licenses sought by the applicant is sufficient to justify the
26 issuance of the license without further behind-the-wheel
27 training.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.