
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SCRIMENTI, ROONEY, WASHINGTON, CRUZ, HARHAI,
SCAVELLO AND THOMAS, MARCH 13, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 13, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for persons eligible for
3 licensing, license issuance to minors and junior driver's
4 license.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1503(c) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1503. Persons ineligible for licensing; license issuance to
10 minors; junior driver's license.

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12 (c) Junior driver's license.--The department may issue a
13 junior driver's license to a person 16 or 17 years of age under
14 rules and regulations adopted by the department and subject to
15 the provisions of this section. A junior driver's license shall
16 automatically become a regular driver's license when the junior
17 driver attains 18 years of age.

18 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no licensed

1 junior driver shall drive a vehicle upon a public highway
2 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a spouse 18
3 years of age or older, a parent or a person in loco parentis.

4 (2) A licensed junior driver conforming to the
5 requirements of section 1507 (relating to application for
6 driver's license or learner's permit by minor) may drive a
7 vehicle upon a public highway between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.
8 between the junior driver's home and activity or employment
9 or in the course of the junior driver's activity or
10 employment if the junior driver is a member of a volunteer
11 fire company authorized by the fire chief to engage in
12 fighting fires, is engaged in public or charitable service or
13 is employed and is carrying an affidavit or certificate of
14 authorization signed by the junior driver's fire chief,
15 supervisor or employer indicating the probable schedule of
16 the junior driver's activities. Upon termination of the
17 junior driver's activity or employment, the junior driver
18 shall surrender the affidavit or certificate to the fire
19 chief, supervisor or employer. If the junior driver shall
20 fail to surrender the affidavit or certificate, the employer,
21 fire chief or supervisor shall immediately notify the
22 Pennsylvania State Police.

23 (3) In addition to the other provisions of this title
24 relating to the suspension or revocation of operating
25 privileges, in the event that a licensed junior driver is
26 involved in an accident reportable under section 3746(a) for
27 which the junior driver is partially or fully responsible in
28 the opinion of the department or is convicted of any
29 violation of this title, the department may suspend the
30 operating privileges of the junior driver until the junior

1 driver attains 18 years of age or for a period of time not
2 exceeding 90 days.

3 (3.1) A junior driver may not operate a vehicle and
4 carry more than one passenger who is under 20 years of age
5 until the junior driver's license becomes a regular driver's
6 license in accordance with the provisions of this section.

7 (4) Any junior driver or other person violating any
8 provision of this subsection is guilty of a summary offense.

9 Section 2. This act shall apply to persons to whom a junior
10 driver's license is issued after the effective date of this act.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.