
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
3 learners' permits, for application for driver's license or
4 learner's permit, for application for driver's license or
5 learner's permit by minor and for issuance and content of
6 driver's license; and, in fees, further providing for
7 driver's license and learner's permit.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1505(e) and (g) of Title 75 of the
11 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

12 § 1505. Learners' permits.

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14 (e) Authorization to test for driver's license and junior
15 driver's license.--A person with a learner's permit is
16 authorized to take the examination for a regular or junior
17 driver's license for the class of vehicle for which a permit is
18 held. Before a person under the age of 18 years may take the
19 examination for a junior driver's license, including a Class M
20 license to operate a motorcycle, the minor must:

1 (1) Have held a learner's permit for that class of
2 vehicle for a period of six months.

3 (2) Present to the department a certification form
4 signed by the father, mother, guardian, person in loco
5 parentis, teacher, social worker, children and youth
6 caseworker or spouse of a married minor stating that the
7 minor applicant has:

8 (i) completed 65 hours of practical driving
9 experience accompanied as required under subsection (b);
10 and

11 (ii) except for a Class M license to operate a
12 motorcycle, the 65 hours included no less than ten hours
13 of nighttime driving and five hours of inclement weather
14 driving.

15 (3) Have the certification form completed when the minor
16 is ready for the licensing examination. The certification
17 form shall be developed by the department and will be
18 provided by the department when the original application for
19 a learner's permit is processed. The department will make
20 this form readily available through the mail or electronic
21 means.

22 (4) For a Class M license to operate a motorcycle,
23 present evidence of successful completion of the department-
24 approved motorcycle safety course.

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26 (g) Liability.--Submission of a certification under
27 subsection (e)(2) shall not subject the parent, guardian, person
28 in loco parentis, teacher, social worker, children and youth
29 caseworker or spouse of a married minor to any liability based
30 upon the certification.

1 Section 2. Section 1506 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
2 subsection to read:

3 § 1506. Application for driver's license or learner's permit.

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5 (c) Homeless children and youth.--A person who meets the
6 definition of "homeless children and youths" under section 725
7 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100-
8 77, 42 U.S.C § 11301 et seq.) shall be permitted to use a
9 temporary address, including the address of a school, foster
10 home or shelter, for any application under this section.

11 Section 3. Section 1507(a) of Title 75 is amended to read:

12 § 1507. Application for driver's license or learner's permit by
13 minor.

14 (a) Signature of parent or guardian.--The application of any
15 person under the age of 18 years for a learner's permit or
16 driver's license shall also be signed by the father, mother,
17 guardian [or], person in loco parentis, teacher, social worker
18 or children and youth caseworker which signature shall be
19 verified before a person authorized to administer oaths or
20 before an authorized department employee.

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22 Section 4. Sections 1510 and 1951 of Title 75 are amended by
23 adding subsections to read:

24 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

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26 (k) Waiver of fee.--A person who meets the definition of
27 "homeless children and youths" under section 725 of the
28 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100-77, 42
29 U.S.C § 11301 et seq.) shall not be required to pay a fee to
30 obtain a driver's license or identification card.

1 § 1951. Driver's license and learner's permit.

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3 (e) Waiver of fee.--A person who meets the definition of
4 "homeless children and youths" under section 725 of the
5 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100-77, 42
6 U.S.C § 11301 et seq.) shall not be required to pay a fee to
7 obtain a driver's license or identification card.

8 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.