THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 1 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for learners' permits, for application for driver's license or learner's permit, for application for driver's license or learner's permit by minor and for issuance and content of 5 driver's license; and, in fees, further providing for 6 driver's license and learner's permit. 7 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 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. 1.3 14 (e) Authorization to test for driver's license and junior 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

- 1 license to operate a motorcycle, the minor must:
- 2 Have held a learner's permit for that class of 3 vehicle for a period of six months.
- Present to the department a certification form 5 signed by the father, mother, guardian, person in loco parentis, teacher, social worker, children and youth 6 7 caseworker or spouse of a married minor stating that the minor applicant has:
 - completed 65 hours of practical driving (i) experience accompanied as required under subsection (b); and
 - (ii) except for a Class M license to operate a motorcycle, the 65 hours included no less than ten hours of nighttime driving and five hours of inclement weather driving.
- Have the certification form completed when the minor 16 17 is ready for the licensing examination. The certification 18 form shall be developed by the department and will be 19 provided by the department when the original application for 20 a learner's permit is processed. The department will make 21 this form readily available through the mail or electronic 22 means.
 - For a Class M license to operate a motorcycle, present evidence of successful completion of the departmentapproved motorcycle safety course.
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- 27 (g) Liability. -- Submission of a certification under
- 28 subsection (e)(2) shall not subject the parent, guardian, person
- in loco parentis, teacher, social worker, children and youth 29
- 30 caseworker or spouse of a married minor to any liability based

- 1 upon the certification.
- 2 Section 2. Section 1506 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
- 3 subsection to read:
- 4 § 1506. Application for driver's license or learner's permit.
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- 6 (c) Homeless children and youth. -- A person who meets the
- 7 <u>definition of "homeless children and youths" under section 725</u>
- 8 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100-
- 9 77, 42 U.S.C § 11301 et seq.) shall be permitted to use a
- 10 temporary address, including the address of a school, foster
- 11 home or shelter, for any application under this section.
- 12 Section 3. Section 1507(a) of Title 75 is amended to read:
- 13 § 1507. Application for driver's license or learner's permit by
- 14 minor.
- 15 (a) Signature of parent or guardian. -- The application of any
- 16 person under the age of 18 years for a learner's permit or
- 17 driver's license shall also be signed by the father, mother,
- 18 guardian [or], person in loco parentis, teacher, social worker
- 19 or children and youth caseworker which signature shall be
- 20 verified before a person authorized to administer oaths or
- 21 before an authorized department employee.
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- 23 Section 4. Sections 1510 and 1951 of Title 75 are amended by
- 24 adding subsections to read:
- 25 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.
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- 27 <u>(k) Waiver of fee.--A person who meets the definition of</u>
- 28 "homeless children and youths" under section 725 of the
- 29 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100-77, 42
- 30 <u>U.S.C § 11301 et seq.</u>) shall not be required to pay a fee to

- 1 <u>obtain a driver's license or identification card.</u>
- 2 § 1951. Driver's license and learner's permit.
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- 4 (e) Waiver of fee. -- A person who meets the definition of
- 5 "homeless children and youths" under section 725 of the
- 6 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100-77, 42
- 7 <u>U.S.C § 11301 et seq.</u>) shall not be required to pay a fee to
- 8 obtain a driver's license or identification card.
- 9 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.