

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, SALOOM, RITTER, COLAIZZO, VEON, VROON,
PRESTON, BOYES, MERRY, DISTLER, HERMAN, FOX, CIVERA, TRELLO,
BUNT AND BELARDI, FEBRUARY 15, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 15, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the issuance of a junior
3 driver's license only upon completion of a standardized
4 driver training course.

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.

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11 (c) Junior driver's license.--The department may issue a
12 junior driver's license only to a person 16 or 17 years of age
13 who has successfully completed a standardized driver training
14 course approved by the Department of Education under rules and
15 regulations adopted by the department and subject to the
16 provisions of this section. A junior driver's license shall
17 automatically become a regular driver's license when the
18 licensee attains 18 years of age.

1 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no licensed
2 junior driver shall drive a vehicle upon a public highway
3 between 12 midnight and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a spouse
4 18 years of age or older, a parent or a person in loco
5 parentis.

6 (2) A licensed junior driver conforming to the
7 requirements of section 1507 (relating to application for
8 driver's license or learner's permit by minor) may drive a
9 vehicle upon a public highway between 12 midnight and 5 a.m.
10 between their home and their activity or employment or in the
11 course of their activity or employment if they are a member
12 of a volunteer fire company authorized by the fire chief to
13 engage in fighting fires, engaged in public or charitable
14 service or employed and they are carrying an affidavit signed
15 by their fire chief, supervisor or employer indicating the
16 probable schedule of their activities. Upon termination of
17 the junior driver's activity or employment, the junior
18 licensee shall surrender the affidavit to the fire chief,
19 supervisor or employer. If the junior licensee shall fail to
20 surrender the affidavit, the employer, fire chief or
21 supervisor shall immediately notify the Pennsylvania State
22 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 for which they are partially or fully
27 responsible in the opinion of the department or is convicted
28 of any violation of this title, the department may suspend
29 the operating privileges of such person until the person
30 attains 18 years of age or for a period of time not exceeding

1 90 days.

2 (4) Any junior licensee or other person violating any
3 provision of this subsection is guilty of a summary offense.

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