

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY VEON, LAUGHLIN, LaGROTTA, LESCOVITZ AND COLAFELLA,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 20, 1998

AN ACT

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

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

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

7 § 1503. Persons ineligible for licensing.

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

15 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no licensed
16 junior driver shall drive a vehicle upon a public highway
17 between 12 midnight and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a spouse

1 18 years of age or older, a parent or a person in loco
2 parentis.

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

20 (3) In addition to the other provisions of this title
21 relating to the suspension or revocation of operating
22 privileges, in the event that a licensed junior driver is
23 involved in an accident for which they are partially or fully
24 responsible in the opinion of the department or is convicted
25 of any violation of this title, the department may suspend
26 the operating privileges of such person until the person
27 attains 18 years of age or for a period of time not exceeding
28 90 days.

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

1 (5) A person shall not be eligible to apply for a junior
2 driver's permit unless he completes 50 hours of community
3 service or has been employed for 50 hours since the day of
4 his 15th birthday. If 50 hours of community service or
5 employment have not been completed, the person must wait to
6 apply for a driver's license until reaching the age of 18.
7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.