

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 18, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for learners' permits.

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

5 ~~Section 1. Section 1505(d) and (e) of Title 75 of the~~ ←
6 ~~Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:~~

7 SECTION 1. SECTION 1505(E) OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ←
8 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, AMENDED OCTOBER 25, 2011 (P.L.334,
9 NO.81), IS AMENDED TO READ:

10 § 1505. Learners' permits.

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12 ~~(d) Duration of permit. A learner's permit shall be valid~~ ←
13 ~~for a period of one year after date of issue, or until the~~
14 ~~holder of the permit has failed the examination as authorized in~~
15 ~~section 1508 (relating to examination of applicant for driver's~~
16 ~~license) three times within the one year period. A motorcycle~~

1 ~~learner's permit shall not be renewable after one year. A person~~
2 ~~may reapply for a motorcycle learner's permit no more frequently~~
3 ~~than three times in a ten year period.~~

4 (e) Authorization to test for driver's license and junior
5 driver's license.--A person with a learner's permit is
6 authorized to take the examination for a regular or junior
7 driver's license for the class of vehicle for which a permit is
8 held. Before a person under the age of 18 years may take the
9 examination for a junior driver's license, including a Class M
10 license to operate a motorcycle, the minor must:

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

13 ~~(2) Present to the department a certification form~~ ←
14 ~~signed by the father, mother, guardian, person in loco~~
15 ~~parentis or spouse of a married minor stating that the minor~~
16 ~~applicant has completed 50 hours of practical driving~~
17 ~~experience accompanied as required under subsection (b).~~
18 ~~Submission of a certification shall not subject the parent,~~
19 ~~guardian, person in loco parentis or spouse of a married~~
20 ~~minor to any liability based upon the certification.~~

21 (2) PRESENT TO THE DEPARTMENT A CERTIFICATION FORM ←
22 SIGNED BY THE FATHER, MOTHER, GUARDIAN, PERSON IN LOCO
23 PARENTIS OR SPOUSE OF A MARRIED MINOR STATING THAT THE MINOR
24 APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED 65 HOURS OF PRACTICAL DRIVING
25 EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING NO LESS THAN TEN HOURS OF NIGHTTIME
26 DRIVING AND FIVE HOURS OF INCLEMENT WEATHER DRIVING,
27 ACCOMPANIED AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B). SUBMISSION OF A
28 CERTIFICATION SHALL NOT SUBJECT THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, PERSON
29 IN LOCO PARENTIS OR SPOUSE OF A MARRIED MINOR TO ANY
30 LIABILITY BASED UPON THE CERTIFICATION.

1 (3) Have the certification form completed when the minor
2 is ready for the licensing examination. The certification
3 form shall be developed by the department and will be
4 provided by the department when the original application for
5 a learner's permit is processed. The department will make
6 this form readily available through the mail or electronic
7 means.

8 (4) Complete the department-approved motorcycle safety
9 course as a requirement for obtaining a Class M junior
10 driver's license.

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