
SENATE BILL 6263

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By Senators Zarelli, Brown, Haugen, Swecker and Johnson

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to drivers' licenses; and amending RCW 46.20.100.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.100 and 1999 c 274 s 14 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) **Application.** The application of a person under the age of
6 eighteen years for a driver's license or a motorcycle endorsement must
7 be signed by a parent or guardian with custody of the minor. The
8 department of licensing must furnish a form that allows an adult to
9 affirm in writing that he or she is the minor's parent or guardian with
10 custody. No other documentation or proof of the adult's status as the
11 minor's parent or guardian is required. If the person under the age of
12 eighteen has no father, mother, or guardian, then the application must
13 be signed by the minor's employer.

14 (2) **Traffic safety education requirement.** For a person under the
15 age of eighteen years to obtain a driver's license he or she must meet
16 the traffic safety education requirements of this subsection.

17 (a) To meet the traffic safety education requirement for a driver's
18 license the applicant must satisfactorily complete a traffic safety
19 education course as defined in RCW 28A.220.020. The course must meet

1 the standards established by the office of the state superintendent of
2 public instruction. The traffic safety education course may be
3 provided by:

4 (i) A recognized secondary school; or

5 (ii) A commercial driving enterprise that is annually approved by
6 the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

7 (b) To meet the traffic safety education requirement for a
8 motorcycle endorsement, the applicant must successfully complete a
9 motorcycle safety education course that meets the standards established
10 by the department of licensing.

11 (c) The department may waive the traffic safety education
12 requirement for a driver's license if the applicant demonstrates to the
13 department's satisfaction that:

14 (i) He or she was unable to take or complete a traffic safety
15 education course;

16 (ii) A need exists for the applicant to operate a motor vehicle;
17 and

18 (iii) He or she has the ability to operate a motor vehicle in such
19 a manner as not to jeopardize the safety of persons or property.

20 The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection (2)(c) in
21 concert with the supervisor of the traffic safety education section of
22 the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

23 (d) The department may waive the traffic safety education
24 requirement if the applicant was licensed to drive a motor vehicle or
25 motorcycle outside this state and provides proof that he or she has had
26 education equivalent to that required under this subsection.

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