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HOUSE BILL 1481

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By Representative Alexander

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1            AN ACT Relating to exempting students who pass the WASL from  
2 intermediate license restrictions; amending RCW 46.20.075; and  
3 providing an effective date.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.075 and 2000 c 115 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) An intermediate license authorizes the holder to drive a motor  
8 vehicle under the conditions specified in this section. An applicant  
9 for an intermediate license must be at least sixteen years of age and:

10            (a) Have possessed a valid instruction permit for a period of not  
11 less than six months;

12            (b) Have passed a driver licensing examination administered by the  
13 department;

14            (c) Have passed a course of driver's education in accordance with  
15 the standards established in RCW 46.20.100;

16            (d) Present certification by his or her parent, guardian, or  
17 employer to the department stating (i) that the applicant has had at  
18 least fifty hours of driving experience, ten of which were at night,  
19 during which the driver was supervised by a person at least twenty-one

1 years of age who has had a valid driver's license for at least three  
2 years, and (ii) that the applicant has not been issued a notice of  
3 traffic infraction or cited for a traffic violation that is pending at  
4 the time of the application for the intermediate license;

5 (e) Not have been convicted of or found to have committed a traffic  
6 violation within the last six months before the application for the  
7 intermediate license; and

8 (f) Not have been adjudicated for an offense involving the use of  
9 alcohol or drugs during the period the applicant held an instruction  
10 permit.

11 (2) For the first six months after the issuance of an intermediate  
12 license or until the holder reaches eighteen years of age, whichever  
13 occurs first, the holder of the license may not operate a motor vehicle  
14 that is carrying any passengers under the age of twenty who are not  
15 members of the holder's immediate family as defined in RCW 42.17.020.  
16 For the remaining period of the intermediate license, the holder may  
17 not operate a motor vehicle that is carrying more than three passengers  
18 who are under the age of twenty who are not members of the holder's  
19 immediate family.

20 (3) The holder of an intermediate license may not operate a motor  
21 vehicle between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. except when the holder  
22 is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a licensed driver who is at  
23 least twenty-five years of age.

24 (4) It is a traffic infraction for the holder of an intermediate  
25 license to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the restrictions  
26 imposed under this section.

27 (5) Enforcement of this section by law enforcement officers may be  
28 accomplished only as a secondary action when a driver of a motor  
29 vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of this title or an  
30 equivalent local ordinance or some other offense.

31 (6) An intermediate licensee may drive at any hour without  
32 restrictions on the number of passengers in the vehicle if necessary  
33 for agricultural purposes.

34 (7) An intermediate licensee may drive at any hour without  
35 restrictions on the number of passengers in the vehicle if, for the  
36 twelve-month period following the issuance of the intermediate license,  
37 he or she:

38 (a) Has not been involved in an automobile accident; and

1 (b) Has not been convicted or found to have committed a traffic  
2 offense described in chapter 46.61 RCW or violated restrictions placed  
3 on an intermediate licensee under this section.

4 (8) An intermediate licensee who meets the state standards on the  
5 reading, writing, and mathematics content areas of the high school  
6 Washington assessment of student learning the first time he or she  
7 takes the assessment may drive at any hour without restrictions on the  
8 number of passengers in the vehicle.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2008.

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