
SENATE BILL 5469

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By Senators Parlette, Eide, Jarrett, and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to limitations on the use of intermediate licenses;
2 and amending RCW 46.20.075.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 years, and (ii) that the applicant has not been issued a notice of
2 traffic infraction or cited for a traffic violation that is pending at
3 the time of the application for the intermediate license;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (b) Has not been involved in an automobile accident, except when:

5 (i) The licensee was not found to be at fault or not issued a
6 citation or traffic infraction in connection to the accident; and

7 (ii) Another party involved in the accident was found to be at
8 fault or issued a citation or traffic infraction in connection to the
9 accident.

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