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1 AN ACT Relating to driver training schools; and amending RCW
2 46.20.100.

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

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

6 (1) **Application.** The application of a person under the age of
7 eighteen years for a driver's license or a motorcycle endorsement must
8 be signed by a parent or guardian with custody of the minor. If the
9 person under the age of eighteen has no father, mother, or guardian,
10 then the application must be signed by the minor's employer.

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

14 (a) To meet the traffic safety education requirement for a driver's
15 license the applicant must satisfactorily complete a traffic safety
16 education course as defined in RCW 28A.220.020 for a course offered by
17 a school district or an approved private school under chapter 28A.195
18 RCW, or as defined by the department of licensing for a course offered
19 by a driver training school under chapter 46.82 RCW. The course

1 offered by a school district or an approved private school must meet
2 the standards established by the office of the state superintendent of
3 public instruction. The course offered by a driver training school
4 must meet the standards established by the department of licensing.

5 The traffic safety education course may be provided by:

6 (i) A recognized secondary school; or
7 (ii) A ~~((commercial driving enterprise))~~ driver training school
8 that is annually approved by the ~~((office of the superintendent of~~
9 ~~public instruction))~~ department of licensing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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