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By Senators Vognild, Madsen and Talmadge.

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1 AN ACT Relating to driver's licenses for persons under eighteen;
2 and amending RCW 46.20.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.100 and 1990 c 250 s 36 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The department of licensing shall not consider an application of
7 any minor under the age of eighteen years for a driver's license or the
8 issuance of a motorcycle endorsement for a particular category unless:

9 (1) The application is also signed by a parent or guardian having
10 the custody of such minor, or in the event a minor under the age of
11 eighteen has no father, mother, or guardian, then a driver's license
12 shall not be issued to the minor unless his or her application is also
13 signed by the minor's employer; ((and))

14 (2) The applicant produces proof satisfactory to the department of
15 having achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.50 on a

1 4.00 scale for the most recent grade report issued by the applicant's
2 secondary school; and

3 (3) The applicant has satisfactorily completed a traffic safety
4 education course as defined in RCW 28A.220.020, conducted by a
5 recognized secondary school, that meets the standards established by
6 the office of the state superintendent of public instruction or the
7 applicant has satisfactorily completed a traffic safety education
8 course, conducted by a commercial driving instruction enterprise, that
9 meets the standards established by the office of the superintendent of
10 public instruction and is officially approved by that office on an
11 annual basis: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the director may upon a showing
12 that an applicant was unable to take or complete a driver education
13 course waive that requirement if the applicant shows to the
14 satisfaction of the department that a need exists for the applicant to
15 operate a motor vehicle and he or she has the ability to operate a
16 motor vehicle in such a manner as not to jeopardize the safety of
17 persons or property, under rules to be promulgated by the department in
18 concert with the supervisor of the traffic safety education section,
19 office of the superintendent of public instruction. For a person under
20 the age of eighteen years to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, he or she
21 must successfully complete a motorcycle safety education course that
22 meets the standards established by the department of licensing.

23 The department may waive any education requirement under this
24 subsection for an applicant previously licensed to drive a motor
25 vehicle or motorcycle outside this state if the applicant provides
26 proof satisfactory to the department that he or she has had education
27 equivalent to that required under this subsection.