
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1616

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1 AN ACT Relating to holders of intermediate drivers' licenses
2 carrying nonfamily members; 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,

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

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

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

12 (2) For the first six months after the issuance of an intermediate
13 license or until the holder reaches eighteen years of age, whichever
14 occurs first, the holder of the license may not operate a motor vehicle
15 that is carrying any passengers under the age of twenty who are not
16 members of the holder's immediate family as defined in RCW 42.17.020
17 unless the driver is being supervised by a licensed driver with at
18 least five years of driving experience who is sitting in the front,
19 right passenger seating position at the time the license holder is
20 carrying passengers who are under the age of twenty and are not members
21 of the holder's immediate family. For the remaining period of the
22 intermediate license, the holder may not operate a motor vehicle that
23 is carrying more than three passengers who are under the age of twenty
24 who are not members of the holder's immediate family.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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