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By Senators Eide, McAuliffe, Winsley and Schmidt; by request of Washington Traffic Safety Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to intermediate drivers' licenses; amending RCW
2 46.20.075; and providing an effective date.

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-~~
19 ~~one years of age who has had a valid driver's license for at least~~

1 ~~three years, and~~) licensed driver with at least five years of driving
2 experience, (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, and (iii)
5 that the parent, guardian, or employer has read and understood the
6 intermediate license restrictions;

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

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

13 (2) For the first six months after the issuance of an intermediate
14 license or until the holder reaches eighteen years of age, whichever
15 occurs first, the holder of ~~((the))~~ an intermediate license may not
16 operate a motor vehicle that is carrying any passengers under the age
17 of twenty who are not members of the holder's immediate family as
18 defined in ~~((RCW 42.17.020. For the remaining period of the~~
19 ~~intermediate license, the holder may not operate a motor vehicle that~~
20 ~~is carrying more than three passengers who are under the age of twenty~~
21 ~~who are not members of the holder's immediate family))~~ subsection (8)
22 of this section, except when the holder is accompanied by a licensed
23 parent, licensed guardian, or licensed driver with at least five years
24 of driving experience.

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 licensed parent, licensed guardian, or a licensed
28 driver ~~((who is))~~ with at least ~~((twenty-five))~~ five years of ~~((age))~~
29 driving experience.

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

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

37 (6) An intermediate licensee may drive at any hour without

1 restrictions on the number of passengers in the vehicle if necessary
2 for agricultural purposes.

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

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

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

11 (8) For the purposes of this section, "immediate family" includes
12 the spouse, brother, sister, half brother, half sister, stepbrother,
13 stepsister, or other person under twenty years old if living in the
14 same household as the intermediate license holder.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,
16 2004.

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