
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2118

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2005 Regular Session

By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Schindler, Simpson, Ahern, Clibborn and Woods)

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying penalties for violating conditions of
2 an intermediate driver's license; amending RCW 46.20.267; and creating
3 a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that two-thirds of
6 teen passenger deaths occur when another teen is driving. The
7 legislature finds that states with teenage driver restrictions
8 experience a decrease in teenage car crashes. The legislature further
9 finds that teenagers are often distracted when other teens are in the
10 vehicle. The purpose of this act is to reduce vehicle collisions by
11 providing penalties for the number of teenage passengers in a vehicle
12 with a teenage driver.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.267 and 2000 c 115 s 3 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) If a person issued an intermediate license is convicted of or
16 found to have committed a traffic offense described in chapter 46.61
17 RCW or violated restrictions placed on an intermediate license under
18 RCW 46.20.075:

1 ~~((1))~~ (a) On the first such conviction or finding, the
2 ~~((department shall mail the parent or guardian of the person a letter~~
3 ~~warning the person of the provisions of this section))~~ department shall
4 suspend the person's intermediate license for a period of six months or
5 until the person reaches eighteen years of age, whichever occurs first,
6 and mail the parent or guardian of the person a notification of the
7 suspension;

8 ~~((2))~~ (b) On the second such conviction or finding, the
9 department shall again suspend the person's intermediate ~~((driver's))~~
10 license for ~~((a))~~ an additional period of six months beginning on the
11 date of the conviction or finding or until the person reaches eighteen
12 years of age, whichever occurs first, and mail the parent or guardian
13 of the person a notification of the suspension;

14 ~~((3))~~ (c) On the third such conviction or finding, the department
15 shall suspend the person's intermediate ~~((driver's))~~ license until the
16 person reaches eighteen years of age, and mail the parent or guardian
17 of the person a notification of the suspension.

18 (2) For the purposes of this section, a single ticket for one or
19 more traffic offenses constitutes a single traffic offense.

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