

SENATE BILL No. 334

AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to commercial drivers' licenses, exempting drivers with military commercial driving experience from testing requirements; restricted licenses; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 8-2,101 and 8-2,133 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 8-2,133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2,133. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,146, and amendments thereto, or as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,148, and amendments thereto, no person may be issued a commercial driver's license unless that person is a resident of this state and has passed a knowledge and skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle which complies with minimum federal standards established by 49 C.F.R. § 383, subparts E, G and H and has satisfied all other requirements of the commercial motor vehicle safety act in addition to other requirements imposed by state law or federal regulation. The tests shall be prescribed and conducted by the secretary, except that the secretary may accept the results of a person's knowledge test conducted in another state if such test complies with minimum federal standards;

(b) the secretary may authorize a person, including an agency of this or another state, an employer, a private driver training facility or other private institution, or a department, agency or instrumentality of local government, to administer the skills test specified by this section, if:

(1) The test is the same which would otherwise be administered by the state; and

(2) the third party has entered into an agreement with the state which complies with requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 383.75.

(c) A commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit may not be issued to a person while the person is subject to a disqualification from driving a commercial motor vehicle, or while the person's driver's license is suspended, revoked or canceled in any state; nor shall a commercial driver's license be issued to a person who has a commercial driver's license issued by any other state unless the person first surrenders all such licenses, which must be returned to the issuing state for cancellation.

(d) *The director may authorize the skills test required by subsection (a) to be waived for an applicant that provides evidence of military commercial vehicle driving experience. To qualify for such a waiver, the applicant must satisfy the criteria established by 49 C.F.R. § 383.77.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 8-2,101 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2,101. The division of vehicles may issue a restricted class C or M driver's license in accordance with the provisions of this section. A restricted class C license issued under this section shall entitle the licensee, while possessing the license, to operate any motor vehicle in class C, as designated in K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto. A restricted class M license shall entitle the licensee, while possessing such license, to operate a motorcycle.

(a) The division may issue a restricted class C or M driver's license to any person who:

(1) Is at least 15 years of age;

(2) has successfully completed an approved course in driver training;

(3) has held an instructional permit issued under the provisions of ~~K.S.A. 8-239-2011 Supp. 8-2,100~~, and amendments thereto, for a period of at least one year and has completed at least 25 hours of adult supervised driving *or has obtained an instructional permit from another state or the district of Columbia which has equivalent or greater requirements*; and

(4) upon the written application of the person's parent or guardian, which shall be submitted to the division.

Any licensee issued a restricted license under this subsection, shall provide prior to reaching 16 years of age, a signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant has completed the required 25 hours prior to being issued a restricted license and 25 hours of additional adult supervised driving. Of the 50 hours required by this subsection, at least 10 of those hours shall be at night. The adult supervised driving shall be conducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license.

(b) (1) A restricted license issued under subsection (a) shall entitle a

licensee who is at least 15 years of age but less than 16 years of age, to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time:

- (A) While going to or from or in connection with any job, employment or farm-related work;
- (B) on days while school is in session, over the most direct and accessible route between the licensee's residence and school of enrollment for the purposes of school attendance;
- (C) when the licensee is operating a passenger car, at any time when accompanied by an adult, who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver; or
- (D) when the licensee is operating a motorcycle, at any time when accompanied by an adult, who is the holder of a valid class M driver's license and who is either operating a motorcycle in the general proximity of the licensee or is riding as a passenger on the motorcycle being operated by the licensee.

(2) For a period of six months, a restricted license issued under subsection (a) shall entitle a licensee who is at least 16 years of age to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time:

- (A) From ~~5:00~~ a.m. to ~~9:00~~ p.m.;
- (B) while going to or from or in connection with any job, employment or farm-related work;
- (C) while going to or from authorized school activities;
- (D) while going directly to or from any religious worship service held by a religious organization;
- (E) when the licensee is operating a passenger car, at any time when accompanied by an adult, who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver; or
- (F) when the licensee is operating a motorcycle, at any time when accompanied by an adult, who is the holder of a valid class M driver's license and who is either operating a motorcycle in the general proximity of the licensee or is riding as a passenger on the motorcycle being operated by the licensee.

After such six-month period, if the licensee has complied with the provisions of this section, such restricted license shall entitle the licensee to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time without any of the restrictions required by this section.

(c) (1) The division may issue a restricted class C or M driver's license to any person who is under 17 years of age but at least 16 years of age, who:

- (A) Has held an instructional permit issued under the provisions of K.S.A. ~~8-239~~ *2011 Supp. 8-2,100*, and amendments thereto, for a period of at least one year; and
- (B) has submitted a signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant has completed at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving with at least 10 of those hours being at night. The required adult supervised driving shall be conducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license.

(2) For a period of six months, a restricted license issued under subsection (c)(1) shall entitle a licensee to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time:

- (A) From ~~5:00~~ a.m. to ~~9:00~~ p.m.;
- (B) while going to or from or in connection with any job, employment or farm-related work;
- (C) while going to or from authorized school activities;
- (D) while going directly to or from any religious worship service held by a religious organization;
- (E) when the licensee is operating a passenger car, at any time when accompanied by an adult, who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver; or
- (F) when the licensee is operating a motorcycle, at any time when accompanied by an adult, who is the holder of a valid class M driver's license and who is either operating a motorcycle in the general proximity of the licensee or is riding as a passenger on the motorcycle being operated by the licensee.

After such six-month period, if the licensee has complied with the provisions of this section, such restricted license shall entitle the licensee to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time without any of the restrictions required by this section.

(d) (1) Any licensee issued a restricted license under subsection (a):

(A) Who is less than 16 years of age shall not operate any motor vehicle with nonsibling minor passengers; or

(B) who is at least 16 years of age, for a period of six months after reaching 16 years of age, shall not operate any motor vehicle with more than one passenger who is less than 18 years of age and who is not a member of the licensee's immediate family.

(2) Any licensee issued a restricted license under subsection (c), for a period of six months after such restricted license is issued, shall not operate any motor vehicle with more than one passenger who is less than 18 years of age and who is not a member of the licensee's immediate family.

(3) Any conviction for violating this subsection shall be construed as a moving traffic violation for the purpose of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto.

(e) Any licensee issued a restricted license under this section shall not operate a wireless communication device while driving a motor vehicle, except that a licensee may operate a wireless communication device while driving a motor vehicle to report illegal activity or to summons medical or other emergency help.

(f) (1) A restricted driver's license issued under this section is subject to suspension or revocation in the same manner as any other driver's license.

(2) A restricted driver's license shall be suspended in accordance with K.S.A. 8-291, and amendments thereto, for any violation of restrictions under this section.

(3) The division shall suspend the restricted driver's license upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the licensee has been involved in two or more accidents chargeable to the licensee and such suspended license shall not be reinstated for one year.

(g) Evidence of failure of any licensee who was required to complete the 50 hours of adult supervised driving under this section shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.

(h) Any licensee issued a restricted license under:

(1) Subsection (a) who:

(A) Is under the age of 16 years and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)(1) until the person reaches 17 years of age;

(B) is under 17 years of age but at least 16 years of age and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)(2) until the person reaches 18 years of age; or

(C) fails to provide the affidavit required under subsection (a) shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)(1) until the person provides such affidavit to the division or the person reaches 17 years of age, whichever occurs first.

(2) Subsection (c) who is under the age of 17 years and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) until the person reaches 18 years of age.

(i) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the motor vehicle driver's license act.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 8-2,101 and 8-2,133 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

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President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House.

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