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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 618 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, FERLO AND  
TARTAGLIONE, MARCH 6, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for  
3 probationary license.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1554(b), (f)(7) and (k) of Title 75 of  
7 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 1554. Probationary license.

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10 (b) Petition.--

11 (1) An applicant for a probationary license must file a  
12 petition with the department by certified mail setting forth  
13 in detail the need for operating a motor vehicle. The  
14 petition shall be on a form prescribed by the department and  
15 shall identify the specific motor vehicles the petitioner  
16 seeks permission to operate. The petition shall include the  
17 operator's name, address and operator number and proof of  
18 financial responsibility. The department may require

1 additional information as well as verification of the  
2 information contained in the petition. All fines, costs and  
3 restoration fees must be paid at the time of the petition.

4 (2) Before being eligible to petition for a probationary  
5 license, a person must have served and earned credit toward  
6 serving the following terms of suspension or revocation for  
7 offenses enumerated in sections 1532 (relating to suspension  
8 of operating privilege), 1539 (relating to suspension of  
9 operating privilege on accumulation of points) and 1543  
10 (relating to driving while operating privilege is suspended  
11 or revoked):

12 (i) A person with one to seven offenses must have  
13 earned credit for at least a [three-year] one and one-  
14 half year term of suspension or revocation.

15 (ii) A person with 8 to 14 offenses must have earned  
16 credit for at least a [four-year] two-year term of  
17 suspension or revocation.

18 (iii) A person with 15 to 21 offenses must have  
19 earned credit for at least a [five-year] two and one-half  
20 year term of suspension or revocation.

21 (iv) A person with 22 or more offenses must have  
22 earned credit for at least a [six-year] three-year term  
23 of suspension or revocation.

24 (3) (i) The applicant must prove to the satisfaction of  
25 the department that the applicant has not driven a motor  
26 vehicle during the minimum period of suspension or  
27 revocation.

28 (ii) The applicant's driving history during the  
29 minimum period of suspension or revocation shall be  
30 sufficient documentation for the department to determine

1           whether the applicant is eligible for a probationary  
2           license.

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4           (f) Unauthorized issuance.--The department shall not issue a  
5 probationary license to:

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7           (7) A person who [has previously been issued a  
8 probationary license.], at the time he applies for a  
9 probationary license, has previously been granted such a  
10 privilege within the period of five years next preceding such  
11 application.

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13           (k) Limitation.--A person to whom a probationary license is  
14 issued for [six] three consecutive years shall be eligible to  
15 apply for a regular driver's license at the fee prescribed by  
16 section 1951(a) (relating to driver's license and learner's  
17 permit) upon satisfactory completion of the sixth year of the  
18 probationary license.

19           Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.