

1 H.720

2 Introduced by Representative Ellis of Waterbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; learner's permits

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize
7 holders of learner's permits issued by other jurisdictions to operate on Vermont
8 highways according to the same law that applies to holders of learner's permits
9 issued in Vermont.

10 An act relating to reciprocal recognition of learner's permits

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 411 is amended to read:

13 § 411. RECIPROCAL PROVISIONS

14 As determined by the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner, a
15 motor vehicle owned by a nonresident, shall be considered as registered and a
16 nonresident operator shall be considered as licensed or permitted in this ~~state,~~
17 State if the nonresident owner or operator has complied with the laws of the
18 foreign country or state of his or her residence relative to the registration of
19 motor vehicles and the granting of operators' licenses or learner's permits.

20 Any exemptions provided in this section shall, however, be operative as to an

1 owner or operator of a motor vehicle only to the extent that under the laws of
2 the foreign country or state of his residence like exemptions and privileges are
3 granted to operators duly licensed or permitted and to owners of motor
4 vehicles duly registered under the laws of this ~~state~~ State. If the owner or
5 operator is a resident of a country not adjoining the United States, such
6 exemptions shall be operative for a period of 30 days for vacation purposes,
7 notwithstanding that such country does not grant like privileges to residents of
8 this ~~state~~ State. Such exemptions shall not be operative as to the owner of a
9 motor truck used for the transportation of property for hire or profit between
10 points within the ~~state~~ State or to the owner of any motor vehicle carrying an
11 auxiliary fuel tank or tanks providing an additional supply of motor fuel over
12 and above that provided in the standard equipment of such vehicle.

13 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 615 is amended to read:

14 § 615. UNLICENSED OPERATORS

15 (a)(1) An unlicensed person 15 years of age or older may operate a motor
16 vehicle if he or she possesses a valid learner's permit issued to him or her by
17 the Commissioner, or by another jurisdiction in accordance with section 411 of
18 this title, and if his or her licensed parent or guardian, licensed or certified
19 driver education instructor, or licensed person at least 25 years of age rides
20 beside him or her. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a person
21 against whom a revocation or suspension of license is in force, or a person ~~less~~

1 younger than 15 years of age, or a person who has been refused a license by
2 the Commissioner to operate a motor vehicle.

3 * * *

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.