

House Research Act Summary

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Overview

This act modifies provisions on graduated driver licensing, to: establish voluntary supplemental curriculum for educating parents of novice drivers; raise—from 30 to 40 hours—the minimum amount of supervised driving time for an instruction permit holder (before being able to obtain a provisional license); require submission of a log on supervised driving time; and make technical changes.

Section

- 1 Primary driving supervisor.** Defines “primary driving supervisor” in the chapter on driver’s licenses, as the primary person who supervises driving with an instruction permit holder.
- 2 Person less than 18 years of age.** Allows submission, in conjunction with application for an instruction permit, of a certification that a driving supervisor has undertaken supplemental parental curriculum on graduated driver licensing, novice drivers, and related information.
- 3 Rulemaking.** Makes a technical change, to move a provision on rulemaking to a new subdivision (corresponding language is stricken in section 2 of the bill).
- 4 Requirements for provisional licensure.** Raises the number of hours of supervised driving time for an instruction permit holder before obtaining a provisional license. The increase is from 30 hours to either (1) 40 total hours, or (2) 50 total hours if a driving supervisor did not obtain supplemental parental curriculum prior to the driver having received an instruction permit. Minimum nighttime hours are increased from 10 to 15 hours.

Requires supervised driving time to be demonstrated with a driving log as part of application for a provisional license.

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- 5** **Supplemental parental curriculum.** Directs the Department of Public Safety to establish curriculum on graduated driver licensing and novice drivers that is at least 90 minutes long. Requires each driver's education school to offer the curriculum, which must be provided by a qualified instructor.