

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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TITLE: CONCERNING BEHIND-THE-WHEEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Licensing Services Cash Fund*	\$ 10,984	\$ 0
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 11, 2010, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 12, 2010, as scheduled and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

* No separate appropriation of these funds is required because of ongoing appropriations to the Department of Revenue for computer programming provided in the Long Bill for new legislation.

Summary of Legislation

If a minor, under age 18, qualifies for his or her permit by taking the 30 hour driver's education course, he or she must complete the additional behind-the-wheel requirements to qualify for a driver's license. In certain cases, this behind-the-wheel requirement will be more stringent than is required of the person's peers (who received their permits under less rigorous requirements).

This bill, recommended by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee, eliminates any differences by making the age cut-off for the additional behind the wheel training 16 1/2. In all cases, a person receiving his or her license before age 18 must drive with a permit for 1 year and must have 50 hours of supervised driving under the permit. Table 1 summarizes current driver's permit and license requirements addressed by this bill.

Table 1. Current Law — Minor Driver's Permit and License Requirements			
Age for Permit	Permit Requirements	Earliest Age for License	License Requirements*
15 and up	30 hour driver's education course	16	6 hours behind-the-wheel with professional instruction or 12 hours behind-the-wheel with parents in rural areas
15 1/2 to 16	4 hour driver's awareness course	16 1/2	None
16 and up	None	17	None

** In addition to 50 hours of supervised driving and 1 year of driving with an instructional permit.*

State Expenditures

Reprogramming the current computer processes that make age calculations for driver's license personnel will increase state expenditures by **\$10,984 in FY 2010-11 only**. Costs are for 280 hours of programming (at \$39.23 per hour) to incorporate the bill's behind-the-wheel age requirements. No appropriation is necessary because of ongoing appropriations to the department for computer programming provided in the Long Bill for new legislation.

State Appropriations

Due to the ongoing appropriation in the Long Bill for new legislation computer programming costs in new legislation, this bill does not require an appropriation.

Departments Contacted

Revenue Judicial Public Safety