

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: SB783**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING LEARNER'S PERMITS.**

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**Basic Change :** Sponsor: Sen. Sample

This bill as engrossed amends the law concerning instruction permits for drivers who are at least 14 years of age. Current law provides that an applicant at least 14 years of age may apply for an instruction permit after passing the written exam. The Office of Driver Services then issues an instruction permit for a period of 6 months which entitles the applicant to drive a motor vehicle when accompanied by a licensed driver over the age of 21. This instruction permit may then be renewed for a period of 6 months. This bill changes the period for which the instruction permit is valid from 6 months to 12 months. Also, the bill changes the renewal period from 6 months to 12 months.

**Revenue Impact :**

The fee for the instruction permit does not change; therefore there is no revenue impact.

**Taxpayer Impact :**

The validity period for instruction permits and renewal of instruction permits is doubled from 6 months to 12 months with no additional charge.

**Resources Required :**

No additional resources are required to implement this bill.

**Time Required :**

No additional time is required to implement this bill.

**Procedural Changes :**

No additional procedures are required to implement this bill.

**Legal Analysis :**

SB783 (as engrossed 3/9/15) incorporates Amendment No. 1 to the SB783 shell bill. Currently, a learner's permit (allowing operation of a motor vehicle with a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age) is active for 6 months and may be renewed for an additional six months. This bill would make a learner's permit effective for one year and renewable for an additional year so long as the person did not have any serious accidents or convictions of serious traffic violations within six months of the application for renewal.