

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: SB783**

**Amendment Number: S2**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING LEARNERS PERMITS.**

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

This bill as engrossed with amendment 1 extends the period for which a driver's license learner's permit is valid. 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. Currently, the instruction permit may be renewed for a period of 6 months. The engrossed bill also changes the period for which the instruction permit is valid from 6 months to 12 months. Amendment 2 deletes the option to renew the instruction permit.

**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 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 on 3/9/15) increased the duration of a driver instruction permit from 6 to 12 months and allowed the permit to be renewed an additional 12 months. Amendment No. 2 to SB783 would remove the ability to renew an instruction permit, which would require a person to complete the skills portion of the driving examination within one year of receiving an instruction permit.