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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 783

5 By: Senator B. Sample  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING LEARNER'S  
9 PERMITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

12 TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING LEARNER'S  
13 PERMITS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-802(a), concerning instruction*  
20 *permits for drivers who are at least fourteen (14) years of age, is amended*  
21 *to read as follows:*

22 *(a)(1) Any person who is at least fourteen (14) years of age may apply*  
23 *to the Office of Driver Services for an instruction permit.*

24 *(2) After the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the*  
25 *examination other than the driving test, the office may, in its discretion,*  
26 *issue to the applicant an instruction permit which shall entitle the*  
27 *applicant while having the permit in his or her immediate possession to drive*  
28 *a motor vehicle upon the public highways for a period of ~~six (6) months~~*  
29 *twelve (12) months when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least*  
30 *twenty-one (21) years of age and who is occupying a seat beside the driver,*  
31 *except in the event that the permittee is operating a motorcycle.*

32 *(3) ~~Any~~ An instruction permit may be renewed or a new permit*  
33 *issued for an additional period of ~~six (6) months~~ twelve (12) months as long*  
34 *as the permittee has remained free of a serious accident and conviction of a*  
35 *serious traffic violation for at least the previous six (6) months.*

36 *(4) Any passengers riding in the motor vehicle while a permittee*



1 *is driving shall wear seat belts at all times.*

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*/s/B. Sample*

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