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3	Regular Session, 2001		SENATE BILL	916
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 16,			
10	TITLE	27 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO CREATE AN		
11	INTERMEDIATE DRIVER LICENSE FOR DRIVERS UNDER			
12	EI GHTE	EN (18) YEARS OF AGE TO ALLOW FOR THE		
13	GRADUA	L DEVELOPMENT OF DRIVING SKILLS; TO PRO	)VI DE	
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25	PER	SONS 16 TO 18 YEARS OLD.		
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28	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAN	SAS:	
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30	SECTION 1. Ark	kansas Code 27-16-604 is amended to rea	d as follows:	
31	27-16-604. Pers	sons not to be licensed.		
32	(a) The Office	e of Driver Services shall not issue an	y license under	-
33	this act to any perso	on:		
34	(1) As a	a noncommercial driver who is under the	age of <del>sixteen</del>	+
35	<del>(16)</del> <u>ei ghteen (18)</u> ye	ears, except that the office may issue	<del>a restricted</del> <u>an</u>	<u>1</u>
36	intermediate license	as provided to any person who is at Le	ast <u>fourtoon</u> (1	11)

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- 1 <u>sixteen (16)</u> years of age <u>and a learner's permit license to any person who is</u>
- 2 <u>at least fourteen (14) years of age.</u> This age restriction does not apply to
- 3 <u>a person who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and:</u>
- 4 <u>(A) Marri ed;</u>
- 5 (B) Possesses a high school diploma;
- 6 (C) Has successfully completed a General Education Development
- 7 <u>test; or</u>
  - (C) Is in enlisted in the United States military.
- 9 (2) As a commercial driver who is under the age of eighteen (18)
- 10 years;

- 11 (3) As a commercial or noncommercial driver whose:
- 12 (A) License to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended,
- 13 in whole or in part, by this state or by any other state, during the
- 14 suspensi on; or
- 15 (B) License has been revoked, in whole or in part, by this
- 16 state or by any other state, until the expiration of one (1) year after the
- 17 license was revoked;
- 18 (4) As a commercial or noncommercial driver who is a habitual
- 19 drunkard, a habitual user of narcotic drugs, or a habitual user of any other
- 20 drug to a degree which renders him incapable of safely driving a motor
- 21 vehi cl e;
- 22 (5) As a commercial or noncommercial driver who has previously
- 23 been adjudged to have be afflicted with or suffering from any mental
- 24 disability or disease and who has not at the time of application been
- 25 restored to competency by the methods provided by law;
- 26 (6) As a commercial or noncommercial driver who is required by
- 27 this act to take an examination, unless the person shall have successfully
- 28 passed the examination;
- 29 (7) Who is required under the laws of this state to deposit
- 30 proof of financial responsibility and who has not deposited the proof;
- 31 (8) Who is receiving any type of welfare, tax, or other benefit
- 32 or exemption as a blind or nearly blind person, if the correctable vision of
- 33 the person is less than 20/50 in the better eye or if the total visual field
- of the person is less than one hundred five degrees  $(105\emptyset)$ ;
- 35 (9) Whose operation of a motor vehicle on the highways the
- 36 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has good cause to believe would be inimical to

- 1 public safety or welfare;
- 2 (10) Who is making an initial application for an Arkansas 3 driver's license and who is not lawfully within the United States; or
- (11) Who is a noncommercial driver between the ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years who has not possessed a restricted license for 6 at least six (6) months.
  - (b) The office is authorized to secure from all state agencies involved the necessary information to comply with the provisions of this section.

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- SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-16-701 is amended to read as follows: 27-16-701. Application for license or instruction permit - Restricted permits.
  - (a)(1) Every application for an instruction permit or for a commercial or noncommercial driver's license shall be made upon a form furnished by the Office of Driver Services and every application shall be accompanied by the required fee.
  - (2) The driver's license or noncommercial driver's license shall include the intermediate driver's license issued to persons who are less than eighteen (18) years of age and the learner's license issued to persons who are less than sixteen (16) years of age.
  - (b) Every application shall state the full name, date of birth, sex, residence address of the applicant, and briefly describe the applicant and shall state whether the applicant has theretofore been licensed as a driver, and, if so, when and by what state or country, and whether any such license has ever been suspended or revoked or whether an application has ever been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for suspension, revocation, or refusal.
  - (c)(1) Every application form for an instruction permit, a commercial or noncommercial driver's license, or for any renewal of these licenses or permits shall include space for the applicant's social security number if he has been assigned such a number.
  - (2) Every applicant shall supply his social security number on the application form when he has been assigned such a number, except that an applicant for an instruction permit for a noncommercial driver's license shall not be required to supply his or her social security number and may

1 choose whether to use his or her social security number on the application.

- (d) Every application for an instruction permit or for a driver's license by a person less than eighteen (18) years old on October 1 of any year shall be accompanied by:
- (1)(A) Proof of receipt of a high school diploma or its equivalent or enrollment and regular attendance in an adult education program or a public, private, or parochial school.
- (i) In order to be issued a license, a student enrolled in school shall present proof of a "C" average for the previous semester or similar equivalent grading period for which grades are recorded as part of the student's permanent record.
- (ii) A student with disabilities receiving special education or related services or a student enrolled in an adult education program shall present proof that the student is successfully completing his individual education plan in order to be issued a license.
- (B) "Regular attendance" in a school shall be attendance in compliance with the established written policy of the school district or school concerning truancy.
- (C) "Regular attendance" in an adult education program shall be attendance in compliance with the policy for sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) year olds established by the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities as provided for in §6-18-222;
- (2) Proof that such person is being provided schooling at home as described in § 6-15-501 et seq. in the form of a notarized copy of the written notice of intent to home school the student provided by the parent or guardian to the superintendent of the local school district as required by § 6-15-503.
- (3) Proof that the person is enrolled in a postsecondary vocational-technical program, a community college, or a two-year or four-year institution of higher education—; or
- 31 (4) A check of the applicant's driving record to verify that the
  32 applicant for a learner's license or an intermediate driver license has been
  33 free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for
  34 the last six (6) months and an applicant with an intermediate driver's
  35 license applying for a regular license has been free of a serious accident
  36 and conviction of a serious traffic violation for the last twelve (12)

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- 2 (5) An acknowledgement signed by the applicant of a learner's
- 3 <u>license that the student is aware that all passengers riding in the motor</u>
- 4 vehicle shall wear seat belts at all times and that the student is restricted
- 5 to driving only when accompanied by a driver over the age of twenty-one (21)
- 6 years old; and
- 7 <u>(6) An acknowledgement signed by the applicant for an</u>
- 8 <u>intermediate license that all passengers riding in the motor vehicle shall</u>
- 9 <u>wear seat belts at all times.</u>
- 10 (e) The Department of Education shall develop guidelines for use by
- 11 school districts to provide a certified exemption from the "C" average
- 12 requirement of subdivision (d)(1)(A)(i) of this section to a student found to
- 13 be performing at his or her fullest level of capability although such may be
- 14 below a "C" average.
- 15 (f)(1) Any person less than eighteen (18) years old who is unable to
- 16 meet the requirements of subsection (d) subdivisions (d)(1) through (d)(3) of
- 17 this section may petition the Office of Driver Services that he or she be
- 18 issued a restricted permit for employment-related purposes.
- 19 (2)(A) The Office shall advise the person of the time and place
- 20 for making such request and for the hearing thereon, which shall be conducted
- 21 within a reasonable time following the application date.
- 22 (B) Such notice shall be given by mailing the notice to
- 23 the last known address of the person seeking the restricted permit.
- 24 (3)(A) In cases where demonstrable financial hardship would
- 25 result from the failure to issue a learner's permit or driver's license, the
- 26 Department of Finance and Administration may grant exceptions only to the
- 27 extent necessary to ameliorate the hardship.
- 28 (B) If it can be demonstrated that the conditions for
- 29 granting a hardship were fraudulent, the parent, guardian, or person in loco
- 30 parentis shall be subject to all applicable perjury statutes.
- 31 (g) The department shall have the power to promulgate rules and
- 32 regulations to carry out the intent of this section and shall distribute to
- 33 each public, private, and parochial school and each adult education program a
- 34 copy of all rules and regulations adopted under this section.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-16-702 is amended to read as follows:

- 27-16-702. Application of minor for instruction permit or <u>learner's</u> license or intermediate driver's license, etc.
  - (a)(1)(A) The original application of any person under the age of eighteen (18) years for an instruction permit, <u>a learner's license</u>, an <u>intermediate</u> driver's license, or motor-driven cycle or motorcycle license shall be signed and verified before a person authorized to administer oaths by either the father or mother of the applicant, if either is living and has custody.
- 9 (B) In the event neither parent is living or has custody, 10 then the application shall be signed by the person or guardian having custody 11 or by an employer of the minor.
  - (C) In the event there is no guardian or employer, then the application shall be signed by any other responsible person who is willing to assume the obligations imposed under this subchapter upon a person signing the application of a minor.
  - (2) For purposes of this section, duly authorized agents of the commissioner shall be authorized to administer oaths without charge.
  - (b) Any negligence or willful misconduct of a minor under the age of eighteen (18) years when driving a motor vehicle upon a highway shall be imputed to the person who signed the application of the minor for a permit or license, regardless of whether the person who signed was authorized to sign under subsection (a) of this section, which person shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for any damages caused by the negligence or willful misconduct.
  - (c)(1) If any person who is required or authorized by subsection (a) of this section to sign the application of a minor in the manner therein provided shall cause, or knowingly cause, or permit his child or ward or employee under the age of eighteen (18) years to drive a motor vehicle upon any highway, then any negligence or willful misconduct of the minor shall be imputed to this person, and this person shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for any damages caused by such negligence or willful misconduct.
  - (2) The provisions of this subsection shall apply regardless of the fact that a <u>learner's license or an intermediate</u> driver's license may or may not have been issued to the minor.
    - (3) For purposes of this section, a "minor" is defined to be any

person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

(d) The provisions of this section shall apply in all civil actions, including, but not limited to, both actions on behalf of and actions against the persons required or authorized by subsection (a) of this section to sign the application in the manner therein provided.

- SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 27-16-704(b), concerning the examination for applicants, is amended to read as follows:
- (b)(1) The examination shall be held in the county where the applicant resides within not more than thirty (30) days from the date application is made.
- (2) The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, ability to read and understand the highway traffic laws of this state, and shall include an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle, and such further physical and mental examination deemed necessary by the office to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways.
- (3) The test of the applicant's eyesight shall examine his visual acuity to read road signs and identify objects at a distance.
- (4) The applicant shall have a minimum uncorrected visual acuity of 20/40 for an unrestricted license and a minimum corrected visual acuity of 20/50 for a restricted license. The applicant's field of vision shall be at least one hundred forty degrees (140°) for a person with two (2) functional eyes and at least one hundred five degrees (105°) for a person with one (1) functional eye.
- (5) Applicants who fail the eyesight test shall be instructed that they should have their eyes examined by an eye care professional and secure corrective lenses, if necessary.
- (6) The test of the applicant's eyesight shall be made on an optical testing instrument approved under standards established by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Arkansas State Police.
- (7) In addition, the applicant for a learner's license and an intermediate driver's license shall have the student's driving record checked to verify that the student has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for the last six (6) months, and that an

1 applicant with an intermediate driver's license applying for a regular 2 license has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious 3 traffic violation for the last twelve (12) months. 4 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 27-16-801 is amended to read as follows: 5 27-16-801. Licenses generally - Validity periods - Contents - Fees -6 7 Disposition of moneys. 8 (a)(1) In a manner prescribed by the commissioner, the office shall 9 i ssue: 10 (A) A Class D license or a Class M license to each 11 applicant eighteen (18) or more years old and qualified therefor, for a 12 period of four (4) years, upon payment of twelve dollars (\$12.00), and an 13 intermediate Class D or Class M license to each applicant between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age, for a period of up to two (2) years, 14 upon payment of twelve dollars (\$12.00), and a learner's Class D license to 15 16 each applicant between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) years of age, for a period of up to two (2) years, upon payment of twelve dollars (\$12.00); 17 18 (B) A Class MD license to each applicant qualified 19 therefor, for a period of not more than two (2) years, upon payment of two 20 dollars (\$2.00); 21 (C) Every applicant for a Class D, Class M, or Class MD 22 license under §§ 27-16-704, 27-16-807, or 27-20-108 shall pay an examination 23 fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for the first examination and a fee of five 24 dollars (\$5.00) for each subsequent examination, except that for each 25 examination after the third examination there shall be no charge if the 26 applicant produces receipts for having paid the fees for the previous 27 examinations. The examination fee shall be remitted in a manner prescribed by 28 the commissioner. 29 (2) Each license shall include: 30 (A) A distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; 31 (B) The name, residence address, date of birth, and a brief description of the licensee; and 32 33 (C) A space upon which the licensee may affix his 34 si gnature. 35 (3) The licensee shall affix his signature in ink in a space provided, and no license shall be valid until it shall have been so signed by 36

- 1 the licensee.
- 2 (4)(A) At the time of initial issuance or at the time of renewal
- 3 of a license, the distinguishing number assigned to the licensee for his
- 4 license shall be the same as the licensee's social security number when the
- 5 licensee has been assigned a social security number, or shall be a nine-digit
- 6 number assigned to the specific licensee by the commissioner when the
- 7 licensee has not been assigned a social security number.
- 8 (B) However, an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a
- 9 Class D, Class M, or Class MD license may choose whether to use his or her
- 10 social security number or a nine-digit number assigned by the commissioner as
- 11 his or her license number.

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- 12 (b)(1) $\frac{A}{A}$  All licenses, as described in subsection (a) of this
- 13 section, shall include a color photograph of the licensee, and such
- 14 photograph shall be made a part of the license at the time of application.
- 15 (B) [Repeal ed. ]
- 16 (2) A license may be valid without a photograph of the licensee 17 when the commissioner is advised that the requirement of the photograph is 18 either objectionable on the grounds of religious belief or the licensee is 19 unavailable to have the photograph made.
  - (c)(1) In addition to the license fee prescribed by subsection (a) of this section, the office shall collect a penalty equal to fifty percent (50%) of the amount thereof from each driver, otherwise qualified, who shall operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this state without a valid license.
  - (2) Such penalty shall be in addition to any other penalty which may be prescribed by law.
  - (d) All license fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury as special revenues, and the net amount thereof shall be credited to the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund, to be used for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Department of Arkansas State Police.
  - (e)(1) The office shall not charge an additional fee for the color photograph provided for in subsection (b) of this section for those applicants making a renewal application for the first time.
- 35 (2) In addition to the regular license fee, a fee of one dollar 36 (\$1.00) shall be charged for all subsequent renewals.

- (3) All persons applying for an Arkansas license for the first time and all persons who are required to take the driver's written examination as provided for in this act shall be charged the additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00).
- (4) All persons who are required to have their eyesight tested prior to initial licensing or upon subsequent license renewal as provided for in this act shall be charged an additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) upon issuance of the license.
- (5) Each learner's license and intermediate driver's license issued shall be distinctive from the regular driver's license issued to a person eighteen (18) or more years old.
- (f) The office shall provide on the reverse side of the driver's license issued a statement and space whereby the licensee may certify willingness to make an anatomical gift under the provisions of § 20-17-601 et seq.
- (g) Moneys collected from the penalty fee provided in subsection (c) of this section and the fees provided in subsection (e) of this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury into the Constitutional Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund, and the net amount shall be credited to the Department of Finance and Administration to be used to help defray the cost of the driver license program which shall be payable therefrom.
- (h) Such fees as are collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be remitted to the State Treasury, there to be deposited as special revenues to the credit of the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund, to be used for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Department of Arkansas State Police.

- SECTION 6. Arkansas Code 27-16-802(a), concerning instruction permits, is amended to read as follows:
- (a)(1) Any person who is at least fourteen (14) years of age may apply to the office for an instruction permit.
- (2) The office may, in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination other than the driving test, issue to the applicant an instruction permit which shall entitle the applicant while having the permit in his immediate possession to drive a motor vehicle upon the public highways for a period of six (6) months when

- accompanied by a licensed driver who has had at least one (1) year of driving
  experience is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and who is occupying a
  seat beside the driver, except in the event the permittee is operating a
  motorcycle.
  - (3) Any instruction permit may be renewed or a new permit issued for an additional period of six (6) months as long as the permittee has remained free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for at least the last six (6) months.
  - (4) Any passengers riding in the motor vehicle while a permittee is driving shall wear seat belts at all times.

- SECTION 7. Arkansas Code 27-16-804 is amended to read as follows:
  27-16-804. Restricted licenses, learner's licenses, and intermediate
  licenses.
  - (a) The office, upon issuing any driver's license, shall have authority, whenever good cause appears, to impose restrictions suitable to the licensee's driving ability with respect to the type of or special mechanical control devices required on a motor vehicle which the licensee may operate or such other restrictions applicable to the licensee as the office may determine to be appropriate to assure the safe operation of a motor vehicle by the licensee.
  - (b)(1) The office may either issue a special restricted license or may set forth such restrictions upon the usual license form.
  - (2) All licensees under the age of sixteen (16) years shall be restricted to operation of a motor vehicle, motorcycles and motor driven cycles excepted, only while accompanied by a licensed driver who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, unless otherwise determined by the office.

    The office may, upon showing of need, waive any age restriction set forth in this chapter.
    - (c) All licensees who have a tested uncorrected visual acuity of less than 20/40 shall be restricted to the operation of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle only while they are wearing corrective lenses. No person shall be allowed to operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or a motor-driven cycle if he has a tested corrected visual acuity of less than 20/50 of if he has a field of vision less than one hundred forty degrees (140°) with two (2) functioning eyes or less than one hundred five degrees

- 1 (105°) with one (1) functioning eye.
- 2 (d) The office may, upon receiving satisfactory evidence of any 3 violation of the restrictions of a license, suspend or revoke it, but the 4 licensees shall be entitled to a hearing as upon a suspension or revocation 5 under this chapter.
  - (e) It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a restricted license issued to him.
- 9 <u>(f) The office shall have authority to issue a restricted driver</u>
  10 <u>license, to be known as a "learner's license," to those persons under sixteen</u>
- 11 (16) years of age. The learner's license shall be issued only to an
- 12 <u>applicant with a valid instruction permit who is at least fourteen (14) years</u>
- 13 of age, who has remained free of a serious accident and conviction of a
- 14 <u>serious traffic violation in the last six (6) months, and who meets all other</u>
- 15 licensing examinations requirements of this chapter. The driver with a
- 16 <u>learner's license shall operate the motor vehicle on the public streets and</u>
  17 highways only when:
- 18 <u>(1) All passengers in the vehicle are wearing their seat belts</u>
  19 at all times; and
- 20 (2) The driver with a Learner's permit is being accompanied by a 21 driver over the age of twenty-one (21) years old.
- 21 <u>driver over the age of twenty-one (21) years old.</u>
  22 (g) The office shall have authority to issue a restricted driver
- 23 <u>license to those persons under eighteen (18) years of age called an</u>
- 24 <u>intermediate driver's license</u>. The intermediate driver license shall be
- 25 <u>issued only to an applicant with a valid instruction permit or a learner's</u>
- 26 <u>license who is at least sixteen (16) years of age, who has remained free of a</u>
- 27 <u>serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for at least</u>
- 28 the last six (6) months, and who meets all other licensing examination
- 29 <u>requirements of this chapter.</u> The driver with an intermediate driver license
- 30 <u>shall operate the motor vehicle on the public streets and highways only when</u>
- 31 all passengers in the vehicle are wearing their seat belts.
- 32 <u>(h) No motor vehicle, nor the operator of a vehicle, nor the</u>
- 33 passengers of the vehicle shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to
- 34 <u>determine compliance with the requirement set out in this subchapter for</u>
- 35 <u>wearing a seat belt.</u>

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- SECTION 8. Arkansas Code 27-16-901 is amended to read as follows: 2 27-16-901. Expiration and renewal of licenses.
- (a) (1) (A) Every Except for the intermediate driver license and the

  learner's license, every driver's license shall expire at the end of the

  month in which it was issued four (4) years from its date of initial issuance

  unless the commissioner shall provide, by regulation, for some other
- 7 staggered basis of expiration.
- 8 <u>(B) A Learner's License shall be issued for no more than a</u>
- 9 <u>two (2) year period and shall expire upon the driver reaching sixteen (16)</u>
- 10 years of age. Any person sixteen (16) years of age may apply for an
- 11 <u>intermediate driver license provided their driving record is free of a</u>
- 12 <u>serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for the most</u>
- 13 <u>recent six (6) month period.</u>
- 14 <u>(C) Intermediate driver's licenses shall be issued for no</u>
- 15 more than a two (2) year period and shall expire upon the driver reaching age
- 16 eighteen (18) years of age and may be renewed at that time as a regular
- 17 <u>driver license for four (4) years, so long as the intermediate driver has</u>
- 18 been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation
- 19 for at least twelve (12) months prior to arriving at his or her eighteenth
- 20 (18<sup>th</sup>) bi rthday.
- 21 (2)(A) The commissioner shall have the authority, by regulation, 22 to shorten or lengthen the term of any driver's license period, as necessary, 23 to ensure that approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the total valid
- 24 licenses are renewable each fiscal year.
  - (B)(i) All driver's licenses subject to change under this subsection shall also be subject to a pro rata adjustment of the license fee charged in §27-16-801(a).
  - (ii) The adjustment of the fee shall be carried out in the manner determined by the commissioner by regulation.
  - (b) Every driver's license shall be renewable on or before its expiration upon completion of an application, payment of the fees designated in §27-16-801, and passage of the eyesight test required in §27-16-704 and shall be renewed without other examination, unless the commissioner has reason to believe that the licensee is no longer qualified to receive a license.

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1	SECTION 9. This act shall be effective July 1, 2002.
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3	SECTION 10. Arkansas Code 27-16-401 is amended to include the
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5	27-16-401. Definitions.
6	As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
7	(1) "Commissioner" means the Director of the Department of Finance and
8	Administration of the State of Arkansas acting in his capacity as
9	Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of this state;
10	(2) "Director" means the Director of the Office of Driver Services;
11	(3) "Driver" means the same as provided in § 27-16-204(b)-:
12	(4) "Serious traffic violation" means any violation where the driver's
13	privilege to operate a motor vehicle has, by court order or by administrative
14	action, been withdrawn or any violation in which a driver has been found
15	guilty of:
16	(A) Any alcohol related moving traffic violation;
17	(B) Any seat belt violation;
18	(C) Any commercial motor vehicle violation;
19	(D) Driving fifteen (15) or more miles per hour over the
20	speed limit;
21	(E) Reckless driving;
22	(F) Negligent homicide;
23	(G) Using a vehicle to commit a felony;
24	(H) Failure to carry liability insurance;
25	(I) Leaving the scene of an accident;
26	(J) Evading arrest;
27	(K) Fleeing by use of an automobile;
28	(L) Unsafe dri vi ng;
29	(M) Hazardous dri vi ng;
30	(N) Prohi bi ted passi ng;
31	(0) Passing stopped school bus;
32	(P) Careless or negligent driving;
33	(0) Failure to obey a traffic signal or device;
34	(R) Failure to obey a railroad crossing barrier;
35	(S) Racing on a highway;
36	(T) Driving with a suspended, revoked or cancelled

1	<u>license; or</u>
2	(U) Driving the wrong way down a one way street.
3	(5)(A) "Serious accident" means a reportable accident in which
4	the driver is found at fault; and
5	(B) The accident is placed on the driver's record by
6	the Office of Driver's Services.
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