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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 921

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 27,  
10 CHAPTER 16 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO CREATE AN  
11 INTERMEDIATE DRIVER LICENSE FOR DRIVERS UNDER  
12 EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE TO ALLOW FOR THE  
13 GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT OF DRIVING SKILLS; TO PROVIDE  
14 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERMEDIATE DRIVER  
15 LICENSE FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE SIXTEEN (16) TO  
16 EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD AND TO PLACE GRADUATED  
17 RESTRICTIONS ON THOSE DRIVING PRIVILEGES; AND FOR  
18 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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22 TO CREATE A DRIVER LICENSE FOR DRIVERS  
23 UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE FOR GRADUATED  
24 SKILL LEVELS AND PROVIDE FOR  
25 RESTRICTIONS ON DRIVER LICENSES FOR  
26 PERSONS 16 TO 18 YEARS OLD.  
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-16-604 is amended to read as follows:  
32 27-16-604. Persons not to be licensed.

33 (a) The Office of Driver Services shall not issue any license under  
34 this act to any person:

35 (1) As a noncommercial driver who is under the age of ~~sixteen~~  
36 ~~(16)~~ eighteen (18) years, except that the office may issue a ~~restricted~~ an

1 intermediate license as provided to any person who is at least ~~fourteen (14)~~  
2 sixteen (16) years of age, and a learner's license to any person who is at  
3 least fourteen (14) years of age;

4 (2) As a commercial driver who is under the age of eighteen (18)  
5 years;

6 (3) As a commercial or noncommercial driver whose:

7 (A) License to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended,  
8 in whole or in part, by this state or by any other state, during the  
9 suspension; or

10 (B) License has been revoked, in whole or in part, by this  
11 state or by any other state, until the expiration of one (1) year after the  
12 license was revoked;

13 (4) As a commercial or noncommercial driver who is a habitual  
14 drunkard, a habitual user of narcotic drugs, or a habitual user of any other  
15 drug to a degree which renders him incapable of safely driving a motor  
16 vehicle;

17 (5) As a commercial or noncommercial driver who has previously  
18 been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from ~~have~~ any mental  
19 disability or disease and who has not at the time of application been  
20 restored to competency by the methods provided by law;

21 (6) As a commercial or noncommercial driver who is required by  
22 this act to take an examination, unless the person shall have successfully  
23 passed the examination;

24 (7) Who is required under the laws of this state to deposit  
25 proof of financial responsibility and who has not deposited the proof;

26 (8) Who is receiving any type of welfare, tax, or other benefit  
27 or exemption as a blind or nearly blind person, if the correctable vision of  
28 the person is less than 20/50 in the better eye or if the total visual field  
29 of the person is less than one hundred five degrees (105 );

30 (9) Whose operation of a motor vehicle on the highways the  
31 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has good cause to believe would be inimical to  
32 public safety or welfare;

33 (10) Who is making an initial application for an Arkansas  
34 driver's license and who is not lawfully within the United States; or

35 (11) Who is a noncommercial driver between the ages of sixteen  
36 (16) and eighteen (18) years who has not possessed a restricted license for

1 at least six (6) months.

2 (b) The office is authorized to secure from all state agencies  
3 involved the necessary information to comply with the provisions of this  
4 section.