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A Bill

SENATE BILL 49

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REGULATE DRIVER LICENSING; TO IMPROVE
9 DRIVER'S LICENSING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES; TO
10 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 TO REGULATE DRIVER LICENSING; TO IMPROVE
15 DRIVER'S LICENSING PRACTICES AND
16 PROCEDURES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-604(11), concerning the requirement
22 that a person between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age first
23 obtain a restricted driver's license before being eligible to obtain a
24 driver's license, is repealed.

25 ~~(11) Who is a noncommercial driver between sixteen (16) and~~
26 ~~eighteen (18) years of age who has not possessed a restricted license for at~~
27 ~~least six (6) months;~~

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-16-804(b)(2)(B)(i), concerning
30 restrictions upon the driving privileges of persons under eighteen (18) years
31 of age, is amended to read as follows:

32 (B)(i) A license shall be issued only to an applicant ~~with~~
33 ~~a valid instruction permit or learner's license~~ who:

- 34 (a) Is at least fourteen (14) years of age; and
35 (b) Has remained free of a serious accident and
36 conviction of a serious traffic violation for at least the previous six (6)



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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-16-804(g)(1)(B), concerning the issuance
 4 of an intermediate driver's license to persons under eighteen (18) years of
 5 age, is amended to read as follows:

6 (B) The intermediate driver's license shall be issued only
 7 to an applicant ~~with a valid instruction permit or a learner's license~~ who is
 8 at least sixteen (16) years of age, who has remained free of a serious
 9 accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for at least the
 10 previous six (6) months, and who meets all other licensing examination
 11 requirements of this chapter.

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13 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 14 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current practices and
 15 procedures to obtain a driver's license for persons between sixteen (16) and
 16 eighteen (18) years of age are unduly restrictive and can result in undue and
 17 unwarranted delays for persons who are sixteen (16) years of age; that this
 18 act will improve efficiency and save time and expense in the administration
 19 of driving privileges for persons who are sixteen (16) years of age; and that
 20 this act is immediately necessary to foster the efficient administration of
 21 driving privileges and to save and preserve government resources. Therefore,
 22 an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary
 23 for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
 24 effective on:

25 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

26 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 27 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 28 bill; or

29 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 30 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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