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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DRIVER'S LICENSES;
TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN
INTERMEDIATE DRIVER'S LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DRIVER'S
LICENSES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN
INTERMEDIATE DRIVER'S LICENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-701(a)(2), concerning the application for a driver's license or instruction permit, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The commercial driver's license or noncommercial driver's license shall include ~~the~~:

(A) An intermediate driver's license ~~issued to persons who are less than eighteen (18) years of age;~~ and ~~the~~

(B) A learner's license issued to persons who are less than sixteen (16) years of age.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-16-704(b)(7), concerning the examination of an application for a driver's license, is amended to read as follows:

(7) In addition, the applicant for a learner's license and an intermediate driver's license shall have the ~~student's~~ applicant's driving record checked to verify that the ~~student~~ applicant has been free of a



serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for the last six (6) months and that an applicant with an intermediate driver's license applying for a regular license has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for the last twelve (12) months.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(a)(1)(A)(ii), concerning the requirement that the Office of Driver Services issue certain licenses, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) An intermediate Class D license or an intermediate Class M license to each applicant ~~between~~ who is sixteen (16) ~~and eighteen (18)~~ years of age or older, for a period of up to two (2) years, upon payment of twelve dollars (\$12.00);

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-16-804(g)(1)(A), concerning the issuance of intermediate driver's licenses, is amended to read as follows:

(g)(1)(A) The Office of Driver Services shall have authority to issue to those persons ~~under eighteen (18)~~ who are at least sixteen (16) years of age a restricted driver's license to be known as an "intermediate driver's license".

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-16-901(a)(1)(B)(ii), concerning the expiration and renewal of driver's licenses, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Any person sixteen (16) years of age or older may apply for an intermediate driver's license, provided that his or her driving record is free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for the most recent six-month period.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-16-901(a)(1)(C), concerning the expiration and renewal of driver's licenses, is amended to read as follows:

(C)(i) An intermediate driver's license shall be issued for no more than a two-year period and shall expire immediately upon ~~the~~:

(a) The driver's reaching eighteen (18) years of age, ~~and~~ if:

(1) The intermediate driver has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for at least twelve (12) months before arriving at his or her eighteenth

birthday; and

(2) The intermediate driver's license was issued to the intermediate driver before his or her eighteenth birthday; or

(b) If the intermediate driver was eighteen (18) years of age or older when his or her intermediate driver's license was issued, the time at which the intermediate driver has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for at least twelve (12) months.

(ii) An intermediate driver's license may be renewed at ~~that~~ the time of expiration or within thirty (30) days following the expiration date of the intermediate driver's license as a:

(a) A regular driver's license for eight (8) years, ~~so long as the intermediate driver has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for at least twelve (12) months before arriving at his or her eighteenth birthday~~ if the conditions stated in subdivision (a)(1)(C)(i) of this section are met; or

(b) An intermediate driver's license for two (2) years if the conditions stated in subdivision (a)(1)(C)(i) of this section are not met.

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