

1 AN ACT Relating to improving the safety of young drivers on the  
2 road in Washington state through improved traffic safety education  
3 and the expansion of current law regarding intermediate licenses;  
4 amending RCW 46.20.075; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092; adding  
5 new sections to chapter 46.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
6 46.82 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; and providing  
7 effective dates.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20  
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) Any person eighteen to twenty-one years of age who is  
12 applying for his or her first Washington state driver's license and  
13 who did not complete a course in traffic safety education as required  
14 under RCW 46.20.100 must complete a young driver risk prevention  
15 traffic safety course that complies with the requirements of section  
16 3 of this act and is offered by a licensed driver training school  
17 under chapter 46.82 RCW.

18 (2) Any person who holds a valid driver's license from another  
19 state and who is applying for a Washington state driver's license is  
20 exempt from the requirements in this section if:

1 (a) He or she has held that out-of-state driver's license for at  
2 least one year;

3 (b) He or she completed a driver training course in the other  
4 state that was comparable to Washington driver training course  
5 standards as determined by the department; or

6 (c) He or she is an active member of the armed forces.

7 (3) The director may waive the course requirement under this  
8 section if the applicant demonstrates to the department's  
9 satisfaction that:

10 (a) He or she was unable to take or complete a traffic safety  
11 education course; and

12 (b) A need exists for the applicant to operate a motor vehicle.

13 (4) The director must assess a fee of no more than five dollars  
14 upon every applicant for a driver's license that is required to  
15 complete a young driver risk prevention traffic safety course under  
16 this section. Fees collected under this section must be deposited in  
17 the young driver safety education account created in section 4 of  
18 this act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20  
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) The young driver safety education program is created within  
22 the department to provide financial assistance to indigent persons  
23 who are required to enroll in a young driver risk prevention traffic  
24 safety course under section 1 of this act. Financial assistance may  
25 include a full or partial subsidy voucher. For the purposes of this  
26 section, indigency criteria must be determined by the department in  
27 consultation with a statewide organization that represents  
28 disadvantaged communities.

29 (2) The department may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from  
30 private sources, which must be deposited in the young driver safety  
31 education account created in section 4 of this act.

32 (3) The department may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this  
33 section.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.82  
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 (1)(a) In addition to a course that meets curriculum standards  
37 under RCW 46.82.420 intended for persons seeking a driver's license  
38 under RCW 46.20.100, a licensed driver training school must offer a

1 young driver risk prevention traffic safety course that complies with  
2 the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

3 (b) The director may waive the requirement under (a) of this  
4 subsection if a driver training school can demonstrate that offering  
5 a young driver risk prevention traffic safety course is a hardship.

6 (2) A young driver risk prevention traffic safety course required  
7 under section 1 of this act must comply with the following  
8 requirements:

9 (a) The course must be no more than ten hours, three hours of  
10 which must include behind-the-wheel instruction and the remainder of  
11 which may be online;

12 (b) The course must be able to be completed in a reasonable time,  
13 as determined by the department, to not unduly delay an applicant  
14 from obtaining a Washington state driver's license;

15 (c) The course must meet minimum curriculum requirements as  
16 determined by the department, in consultation with the traffic safety  
17 commission and other stakeholders, providing information about, among  
18 other things: (i) The dangers of distracted driving; (ii) safe  
19 driving techniques concerning hazards, such as severe weather,  
20 sharing the road with other vehicles and pedestrians, and driving in  
21 construction and school zones; (iii) the duties incumbent upon  
22 drivers, such as insurance and registration requirements and steps  
23 drivers must take after an accident; and (iv) the effects of alcohol  
24 and drug use on motor vehicle operators, including information on  
25 drug and alcohol-related traffic injury and mortality rates in the  
26 state of Washington and the current penalties for driving under the  
27 influence of drugs or alcohol; and

28 (d) Behind-the-wheel instruction must consist of basic skills and  
29 maneuvers to be determined by the department.

30 (3) The department must establish standards and requirements to  
31 ensure timely access to high-quality, affordable young driver risk  
32 prevention traffic safety courses throughout the state.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.68  
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 The young driver safety education account is created in the  
36 highway safety fund. All receipts from fees collected under section  
37 1(4) of this act and from contributions under section 2(2) of this  
38 act must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be  
39 spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be

1 used only for the administration of the young driver safety education  
2 program under section 2 of this act.

3 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.20.075 and 2011 c 60 s 44 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) An intermediate license authorizes the holder to drive a  
6 motor vehicle under the conditions specified in this section. An  
7 applicant for an intermediate license must be at least sixteen years  
8 of age and:

9 (a) Have possessed a valid instruction permit for a period of not  
10 less than (~~six months~~) one year;

11 (b) Have passed a driver licensing examination administered by  
12 the department;

13 (c) Have passed a course of driver's education in accordance with  
14 the standards established in RCW 46.20.100;

15 (d) Present certification by his or her parent, guardian, or  
16 employer to the department stating (i) that the applicant has had at  
17 least fifty hours of driving experience, ten of which were at night,  
18 during which the driver was supervised by a person at least twenty-  
19 one years of age who has had a valid driver's license for at least  
20 three years, and (ii) that the applicant has not been issued a notice  
21 of traffic infraction or cited for a traffic violation that is  
22 pending at the time of the application for the intermediate license;

23 (e) Not have been convicted of or found to have committed a  
24 traffic violation within the last six months before the application  
25 for the intermediate license; and

26 (f) Not have been adjudicated for an offense involving the use of  
27 alcohol or drugs during the period the applicant held an instruction  
28 permit.

29 (2) For the first (~~six months~~) year after the issuance of an  
30 intermediate license or until the holder reaches eighteen years of  
31 age, whichever occurs first, the holder of the license may not  
32 operate a motor vehicle that is carrying any passengers under the age  
33 of twenty who are not members of the holder's immediate family as  
34 defined in RCW 42.17A.005. For the remaining period of the  
35 intermediate license, the holder may not operate a motor vehicle that  
36 is carrying more than three passengers who are under the age of  
37 twenty who are not members of the holder's immediate family.

38 (3) The holder of an intermediate license may not operate a motor  
39 vehicle between the hours of (~~1 a.m.~~) 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

1 except when the holder is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a  
2 licensed driver who is at least twenty-five years of age.

3 (4) The holder of an intermediate license may not operate a  
4 moving motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device  
5 unless the holder is using the device to report illegal activity,  
6 summon medical or other emergency help, or prevent injury to a person  
7 or property.

8 (5) It is a traffic infraction for the holder of an intermediate  
9 license to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the restrictions  
10 imposed under this section.

11 (6) Except for a violation of subsection (4) of this section,  
12 enforcement of this section by law enforcement officers may be  
13 accomplished only as a secondary action when a driver of a motor  
14 vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of this title or  
15 an equivalent local ordinance or some other offense.

16 (7) An intermediate licensee may drive at any hour without  
17 restrictions on the number of passengers in the vehicle if necessary  
18 for agricultural purposes.

19 (8) An intermediate licensee may drive at any hour without  
20 restrictions on the number of passengers in the vehicle if, for the  
21 twelve-month period following the issuance of the intermediate  
22 license, he or she:

23 (a) Has not been involved in an accident involving only one motor  
24 vehicle;

25 (b) Has not been involved in an accident where he or she was  
26 cited in connection with the accident or was found to have caused the  
27 accident;

28 (c) Has not been involved in an accident where no one was cited  
29 or was found to have caused the accident; and

30 (d) Has not been convicted of or found to have committed a  
31 traffic offense described in chapter 46.61 RCW or violated  
32 restrictions placed on an intermediate licensee under this section.

33 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 107 and 2015 3rd  
34 sp.s. c 12 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

35 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state  
36 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which  
37 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

38 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or  
39 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the

1 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income  
2 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
3 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest  
4 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of  
5 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management  
6 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require  
7 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the  
8 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash  
9 management improvement act. The office of financial management may  
10 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to  
11 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and  
12 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the  
13 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
14 section.

15 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury  
16 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking  
17 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,  
18 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state  
19 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is  
20 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
21 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur  
22 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
23 section.

24 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
25 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall  
26 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the  
27 treasury income account except:

28 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
29 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's  
30 average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account, the  
31 aircraft search and rescue account, the Alaskan Way viaduct  
32 replacement project account, the brownfield redevelopment trust fund  
33 account, the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel  
34 replacement account, the capitol building construction account, the  
35 Cedar River channel construction and operation account, the Central  
36 Washington University capital projects account, the charitable,  
37 educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the cleanup  
38 settlement account, the Columbia river basin water supply development  
39 account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water supply  
40 development account, the Columbia river basin water supply revenue

1 recovery account, the common school construction fund, the community  
2 forest trust account, the connecting Washington account, the county  
3 arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice assistance  
4 account, the deferred compensation administrative account, the  
5 deferred compensation principal account, the department of licensing  
6 services account, the department of retirement systems expense  
7 account, the developmental disabilities community trust account, the  
8 diesel idle reduction account, the drinking water assistance account,  
9 the drinking water assistance administrative account, the drinking  
10 water assistance repayment account, the Eastern Washington University  
11 capital projects account, the Interstate 405 express toll lanes  
12 operations account, the education construction fund, the education  
13 legacy trust account, the election account, the electric vehicle  
14 charging infrastructure account, the energy freedom account, the  
15 energy recovery act account, the essential rail assistance account,  
16 The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the federal  
17 forest revolving account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the freight  
18 mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal account,  
19 the grade crossing protective fund, the public health services  
20 account, the high capacity transportation account, the state higher  
21 education construction account, the higher education construction  
22 account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway infrastructure  
23 account, the highway safety fund, the high occupancy toll lanes  
24 operations account, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the  
25 industrial insurance premium refund account, the judges' retirement  
26 account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial  
27 retirement principal account, the local leasehold excise tax account,  
28 the local real estate excise tax account, the local sales and use tax  
29 account, the marine resources stewardship trust account, the medical  
30 aid account, the mobile home park relocation fund, the motor vehicle  
31 fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the multimodal  
32 transportation account, the multiuse roadway safety account, the  
33 municipal criminal justice assistance account, the natural resources  
34 deposit account, the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding  
35 stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance  
36 account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the  
37 public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3  
38 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving account  
39 beginning July 1, 2004, the public health supplemental account, the  
40 public works assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction

1 account, the Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound  
2 taxpayer accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission  
3 account, the recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility  
4 grant program account, the resource management cost account, the  
5 rural arterial trust account, the rural mobility grant program  
6 account, the rural Washington loan fund, the site closure account,  
7 the skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, the small city  
8 pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C account, the  
9 special wildlife account, the state employees' insurance account, the  
10 state employees' insurance reserve account, the state investment  
11 board expense account, the state investment board commingled trust  
12 fund accounts, the state patrol highway account, the state route  
13 number 520 civil penalties account, the state route number 520  
14 corridor account, the state wildlife account, the supplemental  
15 pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the  
16 teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement  
17 system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and  
18 control account, the tobacco settlement account, the toll facility  
19 bond retirement account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel  
20 account), the transportation equipment fund, the transportation fund,  
21 the transportation future funding program account, the transportation  
22 improvement account, the transportation improvement board bond  
23 retirement account, the transportation infrastructure account, the  
24 transportation partnership account, the traumatic brain injury  
25 account, the tuition recovery trust fund, the University of  
26 Washington bond retirement fund, the University of Washington  
27 building account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers'  
28 relief and pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and  
29 reserve officers' administrative fund, the Washington judicial  
30 retirement system account, the Washington law enforcement officers'  
31 and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement account, the Washington  
32 law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 2 retirement  
33 account, the Washington public safety employees' plan 2 retirement  
34 account, the Washington school employees' retirement system combined  
35 plan 2 and 3 account, the Washington state health insurance pool  
36 account, the Washington state patrol retirement account, the  
37 Washington State University building account, the Washington State  
38 University bond retirement fund, the water pollution control  
39 revolving administration account, the water pollution control  
40 revolving fund, the Western Washington University capital projects

1 account, the Yakima integrated plan implementation account, the  
2 Yakima integrated plan implementation revenue recovery account,  
3 ((and)) the Yakima integrated plan implementation taxable bond  
4 account, and the young driver safety education account. Earnings  
5 derived from investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund,  
6 the normal school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund,  
7 the scientific permanent fund, the state university permanent fund,  
8 and the state reclamation revolving account shall be allocated to  
9 their respective beneficiary accounts.

10 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
11 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury  
12 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury  
13 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall  
14 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's  
15 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

16 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
17 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated  
18 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this act takes effect January  
20 1, 2017.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Except for section 5 of this act, this act  
22 takes effect January 1, 2018.

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