

## Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 1530 and 1456

An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 316.614, F.S.; requiring specified passengers to wear safety belts; amending s. 322.05, F.S.; increasing the required time period to hold a learner's driver's license prior to issuance of a regular license; providing additional requirements with respect to the issuance of a driver's license; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Justin Marks Teen Safety Driving Act."

Section 2. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 316.614, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.614 Safety belt usage.—

(4) It is unlawful for any person:

(a) To operate a motor vehicle in this state unless each passenger of the vehicle under the age of ~~18~~ 16 years is restrained by a safety belt or by a child restraint device pursuant to s. 316.613, if applicable; or

(b) To operate a motor vehicle in this state unless the person is restrained by a safety belt.

(5) It is unlawful for any person 18 ~~16~~ years of age or older to be a passenger in the front seat of a motor vehicle unless such person is restrained by a safety belt when the vehicle is in motion.

Section 3. Section 322.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.05 Persons not to be licensed.—The department may not issue a license:

(1) To a person who is under the age of 16 years, except that the department may issue a learner's driver's license to a person who is at least 15 years of age and who meets the requirements of ss. 322.091 and 322.1615 and of any other applicable law or rule.

(2) To a person who is at least 16 years of age but is under 18 years of age unless the person meets the requirements of s. 322.091 and holds a valid:

(a) Learner's driver's license for at least 12 ~~6~~ months, with no traffic convictions, before applying for a license; or

(b) Learner's driver's license for at least 12 months and who has a traffic conviction but elects to attend a traffic driving school for which adjudication must be withheld pursuant to s. 318.14; or

~~(c)(b)~~ License that was issued in another state or in a foreign jurisdiction and that would not be subject to suspension or revocation under the laws of this state.

(3) To a person who is at least 16 years of age but who is under 18 years of age, unless the parent, guardian, or other responsible adult meeting the requirements of s. 322.09 certifies that he or she, or another licensed driver 21 years of age or older, has accompanied the applicant for a total of not less than 50 hours' behind-the-wheel experience, of which not less than 10 hours must be at night. This subsection is not intended to create a private cause of action as a result of the certification. The certification is inadmissible for any purpose in any civil proceeding.

~~(4)(3)~~ Except as provided by this subsection, to any person, as a Class A licensee, Class B licensee, Class C licensee, or Class D licensee, who is under the age of 18 years. A person age 16 or 17 years who applies for a Class D driver's license is subject to all the requirements and provisions of ss. 322.09 and 322.16(2) and (3). Any person who applies for a Class D driver's license who is age 16 or 17 years must have had a learner's driver's license or a driver's license for at least 90 days before he or she is eligible to receive a Class D driver's license. The department may require of any such applicant for a Class D driver's license such examination of the qualifications of the applicant as the department considers proper, and the department may limit the use of any license granted as it considers proper.

~~(5)(4)~~ To any person whose license has been suspended, during such suspension, nor to any person whose license has been revoked, until the expiration of the period of revocation imposed under the provisions of this chapter.

~~(6)(5)~~ To any person, as a commercial motor vehicle operator, whose privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle has been disqualified, until the expiration of the period of disqualification.

~~(7)(6)~~ To any person who is an habitual drunkard, or is an habitual user of narcotic drugs, or is an habitual user of any other drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle.

~~(8)(7)~~ To any person who has been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from any mental disability or disease and who has not at the time of application been restored to competency by the methods provided by law.

~~(9)(8)~~ To any person who is required by this chapter to take an examination, unless such person shall have successfully passed such examination.

~~(10)(9)~~ To any person, when the department has good cause to believe that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by such person would be detrimental to public safety or welfare. Deafness alone shall not prevent the person afflicted from being issued a Class D or Class E driver's license.

~~(11)(40)~~ To any person who is ineligible under s. 322.056.

Section 4. Notwithstanding section 322.05(2) and (3), Florida Statutes, a person who is at least 16 years of age but who is under 18 years of age who

meets the requirements of section 322.091, Florida Statutes, and has been issued a valid learner's license prior to October 1, 2000 and has held such license for at least 6 months, may be issued a driver's license by the Division of Driver Licenses of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2000.

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