

## Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1274

An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 322.09, F.S.; providing that a foster parent or a group-home representative who signs an application for a learner's driver's license for a minor who is in foster care is not, by reason of having signed the application, assuming any obligation or liability for any damages caused by the minor; creating s. 627.746, F.S.; prohibiting insurers that issue insurance policies for private passenger automobiles from charging an additional premium for a minor who operates his or her parent's vehicle, during the time that the minor has a learner's driver's license; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 322.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.09 Application of minors.—

(1)(a) The application of any person under the age of 18 years for a driver's license must be signed and verified before a person authorized to administer oaths by the father, mother, or guardian, or, if there is no parent or guardian, by another responsible adult who is willing to assume the obligation imposed under this chapter upon a person signing the application of a minor. This section does not apply to a person under the age of 18 years who is emancipated by marriage.

(b) There shall be submitted with each application a certified copy of a United States birth certificate, a valid United States passport, an alien registration receipt card (green card), an employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Justice, or proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Justice, for an original license.

(2) Any negligence or willful misconduct of a minor under the age of 18 years when driving a motor vehicle upon a highway shall be imputed to the person who has signed the application of such minor for a permit or license, which person shall be jointly and severally liable with such minor for any damages caused by such negligence or willful misconduct.

(3) The department may not issue a driver's license or learner's driver's license to any applicant under the age of 18 years who is not in compliance with the requirements of s. 322.091.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2), if a foster parent of a minor who is under the age of 18 years and is in foster care as defined in s. 39.01, or an authorized representative of a residential group home at which such a minor resides, signs the minor's application for a learner's driver's license, that foster parent or group-home representative does not assume any obligation or become liable for any damages caused by

the negligence or willful misconduct of the minor, by reason of having signed the application.

Section 2. Section 627.746, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

627.746 Coverage for minors who have a learner's driver's license; additional premium prohibited.—An insurer that issues an insurance policy on a private passenger motor vehicle to a named insured who is a foster parent of a minor child may not charge an additional premium for coverage of the minor child while the child is operating the insured vehicle, for the period of time that the minor has a learner's driver's license, until such time as the minor obtains a driver's license.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, and section 627.746, Florida Statutes, as created by this act, shall apply to insurance policies that are issued or renewed on or after that date.

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