

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2003
(Reference to Senate engrossed House bill)

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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:
2 Section 1. Section 28-3153, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 28-3153. Driver license issuance; prohibitions
5 A. The department shall not issue the following:
6 1. A driver license to a person who is under eighteen years of age,
7 except that the department may issue:
8 (a) A restricted instruction permit for a class D or G license to a
9 person who is at least fifteen years of age.
10 (b) An instruction permit for a class D, G or M license as provided by
11 this chapter to a person who is at least fifteen years ~~and six months~~ of age.
12 (c) A class G or M license as provided by this chapter to a person who
13 is at least sixteen years of age.
14 2. A class D, G or M license or instruction permit to a person who is
15 under eighteen years of age and who has been tried in adult court and
16 convicted of a second or subsequent violation of criminal damage to property
17 pursuant to section 13-1602, subsection A, paragraph 1 or convicted of a
18 felony offense in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used, including
19 theft of a motor vehicle pursuant to section 13-1802, unlawful use of means of
20 transportation pursuant to section 13-1803 or theft of means of transportation
21 pursuant to section 13-1814, or who has been adjudicated delinquent for a
22 second or subsequent act that would constitute criminal damage to property
23 pursuant to section 13-1602, subsection A, paragraph 1 or adjudicated
24 delinquent for an act that would constitute a felony offense in the commission
25 of which a motor vehicle is used, including theft of a motor vehicle pursuant
26 to section 13-1802, unlawful use of means of transportation pursuant to
27 section 13-1803 or theft of means of transportation pursuant to section
28 13-1814, if committed by an adult.

1 3. A class A, B or C license to a person who is under twenty-one years
2 of age, except that the department may issue a class A, B or C license that is
3 restricted to only intrastate driving to a person who is at least eighteen
4 years of age.

5 4. A license to a person whose license or driving privilege has been
6 suspended, during the suspension period.

7 5. Except as provided in section 28-3315, a license to a person whose
8 license or driving privilege has been revoked.

9 6. A class A, B or C license to a person who has been disqualified from
10 obtaining a commercial driver license.

11 7. A license to a person who on application notifies the department
12 that the person is an alcoholic as defined in section 36-2021 or a drug
13 dependent person as defined in section 36-2501, unless the person submits a
14 medical examination report that includes a current evaluation from an
15 addiction counselor indicating that, in the opinion of the counselor, the
16 condition does not affect or impair the person's ability to safely operate a
17 motor vehicle.

18 8. A license to a person who has been adjudged to be incapacitated
19 pursuant to section 14-5304 and who at the time of application has not
20 obtained either a court order that allows the person to drive or a termination
21 of incapacity as provided by law.

22 9. A license to a person who is required by this chapter to take an
23 examination unless the person successfully passes the examination.

24 10. A license to a person who is required under the motor vehicle
25 financial responsibility laws of this state to deposit proof of financial
26 responsibility and who has not deposited the proof.

27 11. A license to a person if the department has good cause to believe
28 that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by the person would
29 threaten the public safety or welfare.

30 12. A license to a person whose driver license has been ordered to be
31 suspended for failure to pay child support, except that a noncommercial
32 restricted license may be issued pursuant to section 25-518.

33 13. A class A, B or C license to a person whose license or driving
34 privilege has been canceled until the cause for the cancellation has been
35 removed.

36 14. A class A, B or C license or instruction permit to a person whose
37 state of domicile is not this state.

38 15. A class A, B or C license to a person who fails to demonstrate
39 proficiency in the English language as determined by the department.

40 B. The department shall not issue a driver license to or renew the
41 driver license of the following persons:

42 1. A person about whom the court notifies the department that the
43 person violated the person's written promise to appear in court when charged
44 with a violation of the motor vehicle laws of this state until the department
45 receives notification in a manner approved by the department that the person
46 appeared either voluntarily or involuntarily or that the case has been
47 adjudicated, that the case is being appealed or that the case has otherwise
48 been disposed of as provided by law.

49 2. If notified pursuant to section 28-1601, a person who fails to pay a
50 civil penalty as provided in section 28-1601, except for a parking violation,

1 until the department receives notification in a manner approved by the
2 department that the person paid the civil penalty, that the case is being
3 appealed or that the case has otherwise been disposed of as provided by law.

4 C. The magistrate or the clerk of the court shall provide the
5 notification to the department prescribed by subsection B of this section.

6 D. Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall not issue to or
7 renew a driver license or nonoperating identification license for a person who
8 does not submit proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant's
9 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law. For an
10 application for a driver license or a nonoperating identification license, the
11 department shall not accept as a primary source of identification a driver
12 license issued by a state if the state does not require that a driver licensed
13 in that state be lawfully present in the United States under federal law. The
14 director shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this
15 subsection. The rules shall include procedures for:

16 1. Verification that the applicant's presence in the United States is
17 authorized under federal law.

18 2. Issuance of a temporary driver permit pursuant to section 28-3157
19 pending verification of the applicant's status in the United States.

20 Sec. 2. Section 28-3154, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

21 28-3154. Instruction permit for a class D or G license

22 A. A person who is at least fifteen years ~~and six months~~ of age may
23 apply to the department for an instruction permit for a class D or G
24 license. The department may issue an instruction permit to the applicant
25 after the applicant successfully passes all parts of the examination other
26 than the driving test.

27 B. The instruction permit entitles the permittee to drive a motor
28 vehicle requiring a class D or G license on the public highways for ~~twelve~~
29 **EIGHTEEN** months when both of the following conditions are met:

30 1. The permittee has the permit in the permittee's immediate
31 possession.

32 2. The permittee is accompanied by a person who has a class A, B, C or
33 D license, who is at least twenty-one years of age and who occupies a seat
34 beside the permittee.

35 C. A permittee may not drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless
36 communication device for any reason except during an emergency in which
37 stopping the motor vehicle is impossible or will create an additional
38 emergency or safety hazard. A peace officer may not stop or issue a citation
39 to a person operating a motor vehicle on a highway in this state for a
40 violation of this subsection unless the peace officer has reasonable cause to
41 believe there is another alleged violation of a motor vehicle law of this
42 state.

43 Sec. 3. Section 28-3156, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

44 28-3156. Class M instruction permit

45 A. A person who is at least fifteen years ~~and six months~~ of age may
46 apply to the department for an instruction permit for a class M license. The
47 department may issue an instruction permit to the applicant after the
48 applicant successfully passes all parts of the examination other than the
49 motorcycle skill test.

1 B. The permit entitles the permittee to operate a motorcycle requiring
2 a class M license or endorsement when the permittee has the permit in the
3 permittee's immediate possession. The permit is valid for ~~seven~~ TWELVE months
4 from the date of issuance.

5 C. The permittee shall not operate a motorcycle as follows:

6 1. On a controlled access highway as defined in section 28-601.

7 2. On a public highway from sunset to sunrise or when there is
8 insufficient light to clearly discern a person and a vehicle on the highway at
9 a distance of five hundred feet.

10 D. The department shall not issue more than two class M permits to the
11 same person within twenty-four months.

12 Sec. 4. Section 28-3174, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13 28-3174. Class G driver licenses; restrictions; civil penalties;
14 motorcycles

15 A. A person who is under eighteen years of age may apply to the
16 department for a class G driver license if all of the following apply:

17 1. The person is at least sixteen years of age.

18 2. The person has a valid instruction permit issued pursuant to this
19 article and the person has held the instruction permit for at least ~~six~~ NINE
20 months, except that this requirement does not apply to a person who has a
21 currently valid driver license issued by another jurisdiction.

22 3. Any of the following applies:

23 (a) The person has satisfactorily completed a driver education program
24 that is approved by the department of transportation. If the driver education
25 program is offered by a public high school, the program shall be approved by
26 the department of transportation in consultation with the department of
27 education.

28 (b) Both of the following apply:

29 (i) The person completes a driver education program that is offered by
30 a defensive driving school that is certified pursuant to section 28-3395 and
31 that is approved by the supreme court or a traffic survival school.

32 (ii) A custodial parent or guardian of the person certifies in writing
33 to the department that the applicant has completed at least twenty hours of
34 supervised driving practice and that at least six of the required practice
35 hours were at night.

36 (c) A custodial parent or guardian of the person certifies in writing
37 to the department that the applicant has completed at least ~~thirty~~ FIFTY hours
38 of supervised driving practice and that at least ~~ten~~ TWENTY of the required
39 practice hours were at night.

40 B. If the applicant successfully passes the examination prescribed in
41 section 28-3164 and satisfies the requirements prescribed in subsection A of
42 this section, the department may issue a class G driver license to the
43 applicant.

44 C. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, a class G driver
45 license entitles the licensee to drive a motor vehicle that requires a class G
46 license on the public highways.

47 D. Except as provided in subsection K of this section, for the first
48 six months that a class G licensee holds the license, the licensee shall not
49 drive a motor vehicle on a public highway from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless
50 either:

1 1. The licensee is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who has a
2 class A, B, C or D license and who occupies a seat beside the class G
3 licensee.

4 2. The licensee is driving directly to or from a sanctioned school
5 sponsored activity, the licensee's place of employment, a sanctioned religious
6 activity or a family emergency.

7 E. Except as provided in this subsection and subsection K of this
8 section, for the first six months that a class G licensee holds the license,
9 the licensee shall not drive a motor vehicle on a public highway at any time
10 if the licensee is driving a motor vehicle containing more than one passenger
11 under the age of eighteen. This restriction does not:

12 1. Prohibit the licensee from driving a motor vehicle containing
13 passengers under the age of eighteen if the passengers are the licensee's
14 siblings.

15 2. Apply if the licensee is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
16 who has a class A, B, C or D license and who occupies a seat beside the class
17 G licensee.

18 F. Except as provided in subsection K of this section, for the first
19 six months that a class G licensee holds the license, the licensee may not
20 drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device for any
21 reason except either:

22 1. During an emergency in which stopping the motor vehicle is
23 impossible or will create an additional emergency or safety hazard.

24 2. When using an audible turn-by-turn navigation system if both of the
25 following apply:

26 (a) The destination is not manually entered into the wireless
27 communication device while the licensee is driving the motor vehicle.

28 (b) The licensee does not manually adjust the wireless communication
29 device while driving the motor vehicle.

30 G. A peace officer shall not stop or issue a citation to a person
31 operating a motor vehicle on a highway in this state for a violation of
32 subsection D, E or F of this section unless the peace officer has reasonable
33 cause to believe there is another alleged violation of a motor vehicle law of
34 this state.

35 H. If a licensee is found responsible for violating subsection D, E or
36 F of this section, the licensee:

37 1. For a first violation, is subject to a maximum civil penalty of
38 \$75. The department shall extend the restriction prescribed by subsection D,
39 E or F of this section for thirty days, or if the restriction prescribed by
40 subsection D, E or F of this section is complete, the thirty day restriction
41 begins on the department's receipt of the report of the finding of
42 responsibility.

43 2. For a second violation, is subject to a maximum civil penalty of
44 \$100. The department shall extend the restriction prescribed by subsection D,
45 E or F of this section for sixty days, or if the restriction prescribed by
46 subsection D, E or F of this section is complete, the sixty day restriction
47 begins on the department's receipt of the report of the finding of
48 responsibility. If at the time of the second violation the licensee is
49 subject to an extension of the six month period pursuant to paragraph 1 of
50 this subsection, the extensions run consecutively.

1 3. For a third or subsequent violation, is subject to a maximum civil
2 penalty of \$100. On the department's receipt of the report of the finding of
3 responsibility, the department shall suspend the licensee's driving privilege
4 for thirty days. If the licensee also has a suspension resulting from a
5 moving civil traffic violation or a moving criminal traffic offense as
6 prescribed by section 28-3321, the suspensions run consecutively.

7 I. A citation issued for violating subsection D of this section shall
8 be dismissed if the licensee to whom the citation was issued produces any of
9 the following evidence to the appropriate court officer on or before the date
10 and time specified on the citation for court appearance and in a manner
11 specified by the court:

12 1. A written, notarized letter from the parent or legal guardian of the
13 licensee that the licensee was going to or returning from a sanctioned school
14 sponsored activity, the licensee's place of employment, a sanctioned religious
15 activity or a family emergency.

16 2. A written, notarized letter from a representative of the sanctioned
17 school sponsored activity certifying that the licensee was returning from the
18 school activity.

19 3. A written, notarized letter from the licensee's employer certifying
20 that the licensee was returning from the licensee's place of employment.

21 4. A written, notarized letter from a representative of the sanctioned
22 religious activity certifying that the licensee was returning from the
23 religious activity.

24 J. A citation issued for violating subsection E of this section shall
25 be dismissed if the licensee to whom the citation was issued produces a
26 written, notarized letter from the parent or legal guardian of the licensee to
27 the appropriate court officer on or before the date and time specified on the
28 citation for court appearance and in a manner specified by the court that
29 states the passengers in the vehicle with the licensee at the time of the
30 violation were the siblings of the licensee.

31 K. The restrictions imposed by subsection D, E or F of this section do
32 not apply beginning on the licensee's eighteenth birthday. Any penalties or
33 restrictions imposed pursuant to subsection H of this section shall be fully
34 satisfied even if the licensee is eighteen years of age or older.

35 L. A person who holds a class G driver license may apply for a class D
36 license on or after the person's eighteenth birthday, except that a person
37 whose class G driver license is suspended pursuant to section 28-3321 is not
38 entitled to receive a class D driver license until after the suspension period
39 expires.

40 M. If a person who is under eighteen years of age and at least sixteen
41 years of age applies for a class M license or a motorcycle endorsement, the
42 department shall not issue the class M license or motorcycle endorsement to
43 the person unless both of the following apply:

44 1. The applicant has held an instruction permit issued pursuant to
45 section 28-3156 for at least ~~six~~ NINE months, except that this requirement
46 does not apply to a person who has a currently valid motorcycle driver license
47 or endorsement issued by another jurisdiction.

48 2. Either:

49 (a) The person has satisfactorily completed a motorcycle driver
50 education program that is approved by the department. If the driver education

1 program is offered by a public high school, the program shall be approved by
2 the department of transportation in consultation with the department of
3 education.

4 (b) A custodial parent or guardian of the person certifies in writing
5 to the department that the applicant has completed at least ~~thirty~~FIFTY hours
6 of motorcycle driving practice.

7 <<Sec. 5. Current instruction permit holders

8 [Notwithstanding sections 28-3153, 28-3154, 28-3156 and 28-3174, Arizona
9 Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, a person who is at least fifteen
10 years and six months of age and who holds a valid instruction permit on
11 November 30, 2026 is not required to hold the instruction permit for a period
12 of more than six months before the person is eligible for issuance of a class
13 G or class M license.]>>

14 Sec. 6. Effective date

15 This act is effective from and after November 30, 2026.

16 Sec. 7. Short title

17 This act may be cited as the "Juveniles Unlocking Driver Education
18 (JUDE) Act".

19 Amend title to conform

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