THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2157 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY MILLARD, V. BROWN, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, ROZZI AND SAYLOR, JUNE 13, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 13, 2016

AN ACT

- Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
- 3 probationary license.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 1554(b), (f)(7) and (k) of Title 75 of
- 7 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
- 8 § 1554. Probationary license.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (b) Petition.--
- 11 (1) An applicant for a probationary license must file a
- 12 petition with the department by certified mail setting forth
- in detail the need for operating a motor vehicle. The
- 14 petition shall be on a form prescribed by the department and
- shall identify the specific motor vehicles the petitioner
- 16 seeks permission to operate. The petition shall include the
- operator's name, address and operator number and proof of
- 18 financial responsibility. The department may require

- additional information as well as verification of the information contained in the petition. All fines, costs and restoration fees must be paid at the time of the petition.
 - (2) Before being eligible to petition for a probationary license, a person must have served and earned credit toward serving the following terms of suspension or revocation for offenses enumerated in sections 1532 (relating to suspension of operating privilege), 1539 (relating to suspension of operating privilege on accumulation of points) and 1543 (relating to driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked):
 - (i) A person with one to seven offenses must have earned credit for at least a [three-year] one and one-half year term of suspension or revocation.
 - (ii) A person with 8 to 14 offenses must have earned credit for at least a [four-year] two-year term of suspension or revocation.
 - (iii) A person with 15 to 21 offenses must have earned credit for at least a [five-year] two and one-half year term of suspension or revocation.
 - (iv) A person with 22 or more offenses must have earned credit for at least a [six-year] three-year term of suspension or revocation.
 - (3) <u>(i)</u> The applicant must prove to the satisfaction of the department that the applicant has not driven a motor vehicle during the minimum period of suspension or revocation.
 - (ii) The applicant's driving history during the

 minimum period of suspension or revocation shall be

 sufficient documentation for the department to determine

- whether the applicant is eliqible for a probationary
- 2 license.
- 3 * * *
- 4 (f) Unauthorized issuance. -- The department shall not issue a
- 5 probationary license to:
- 6 * * *
- 7 (7) A person who [has previously been issued a
- 8 probationary license.], at the time he applies for a
- 9 <u>probationary license</u>, has previously been granted such a
- 10 privilege within the period of five years next preceding such
- 11 application.
- 12 * * *
- 13 (k) Limitation.--A person to whom a probationary license is
- 14 issued for [six] three consecutive years shall be eligible to
- 15 apply for a regular driver's license at the fee prescribed by
- 16 section 1951(a) (relating to driver's license and learner's
- 17 permit) upon satisfactory completion of the [sixth] third year
- 18 of the probationary license.
- 19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.