
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, GALLOWAY, ROZZI, NEILSON AND GREEN,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 15, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
3 examination of applicant for driver's license.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1508 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 1508. Examination of applicant for driver's license.

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10 (h) Waiver of examination of applicant for driver's
11 license.--Notwithstanding any other law, as a result of a
12 declaration by the Governor of disaster emergency under 35
13 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of Governor)
14 that is pertinent to a public health emergency or crisis, the
15 following shall apply:

16 (1) The department shall develop a process through which
17 an applicant for a driver's license may, for the duration of
18 the state of disaster emergency, apply for an exemption from

1 the examination of the applicant for the driver's license.

2 The process shall include the following:

3 (i) The development of a form regarding the
4 exemption, which the department shall make readily
5 available through the mail or electronic means.

6 (ii) The submittal by the applicant, through the
7 mail or electronic means, of the form regarding the
8 exemption and any other forms required by the department
9 or by law for the licensing of drivers.

10 (2) Upon submission to and acceptance by the department
11 of the form for exemption and any other forms required by the
12 department or by law for the licensing of drivers, the
13 applicant shall be issued a temporary junior or regular
14 driver's license via the mail.

15 (3) The department shall develop a process through which
16 a temporary junior or regular driver's license issued under
17 this subsection may be made a permanent license upon the
18 termination or expiration under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) of the
19 declaration of disaster emergency. The process shall include,
20 but not be limited to, the completion of the examination of
21 the applicant for a driver's license within six months from
22 the date of the termination or expiration of the declaration
23 of disaster emergency.

24 (4) An applicant for a driver's license shall be
25 eligible for exemption from the examination of the applicant
26 for a driver's license if:

27 (i) The form regarding the exemption and any other
28 forms required by the department or by law for the
29 licensing of drivers are submitted to and accepted by the
30 department during the state of disaster emergency.

1 (ii) For an applicant who is under 18 years of age,
2 the applicant has satisfied the requirements listed under
3 section 1505 (relating to learners' permits).

4 (iii) For an applicant who is 18 years of age or
5 older, the applicant:

6 (A) has held a learner's permit for a period of
7 six months; and

8 (B) submits to the department a certification
9 form signed by an individual who is 18 years of age
10 or older stating that the applicant has completed 65
11 hours of practical driving experience:

12 (I) except in the case of a Class M license
13 to operate a motorcycle; and

14 (II) that must include no fewer than 10
15 hours of nighttime driving and five hours of
16 inclement weather driving.

17 (5) The department shall develop the certification form
18 under paragraph (4)(iii)(B) and shall make the certification
19 form readily available through the mail or electronic means.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.