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**RESTRICT DRIVING BY TEEN DROPOUTS**

House Bill 4184  
Sponsor: Rep. Gerald H. Law  
Committee: Education

Complete to 9-21-89

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4184 AS INTRODUCED 4-12-89**

The bill would amend the Motor Vehicle Code to prevent a person under the age of 18 from obtaining a driver's license unless he or she: 1) has a high school diploma or general education certificate; or 2) is enrolled in a grade 9-12, is conforming with the school's attendance policies, and has not been expelled. Verification of eligibility would have to be provided to the secretary of state. A restricted license could be issued, however, to a person who failed to meet these requirements if the secretary of state determined that a personal or family hardship existed that required the person to obtain an operator's or chauffeur's license for employment or medically related purposes.

A person under 18 who did not meet the education requirements cited above could also not be issued a certificate of completion of a driver education course. (Generally speaking, 16-18 year olds can only be issued a license if they have satisfactorily passed a driver education course and examination. In exceptional circumstances special restricted licenses are available to 14-16 year olds.)

MCL 257.303 and 257.811

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