

HOUSE BILL No. 6246

June 18, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Meadows, Alma Smith and Griffin and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 384, entitled
"Driver education provider and instructor act,"
by amending section 37 (MCL 256.657).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 37. (1) A segment 1 curriculum shall include both
2 classroom and behind-the-wheel driver education course experience.
3 The classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel instruction shall be
4 integrated, relate to each other, and meet the following
5 requirements:

6 (a) Each student shall receive not less than 24 hours of
7 classroom instruction. Classroom instruction shall be scheduled to
8 occur as follows:

9 (i) Classroom instruction shall occur not more than 2 hours per

1 day.

2 (ii) Classroom instruction shall occur over the course of 3 or
3 more weeks.

4 (iii) Classroom instruction of 4 or more hours shall be received
5 before the student begins to receive behind-the-wheel instruction.

6 (iv) Behind-the-wheel instruction of 3 or more hours shall be
7 completed before classroom instruction terminates.

8 (b) Each student shall receive not less than 6 hours of
9 behind-the-wheel instruction or substitute hours permitted under
10 this subsection. Behind-the-wheel instruction shall be scheduled to
11 occur as follows:

12 (i) A student shall receive not more than 1 hour of behind-the-
13 wheel instruction per day.

14 (ii) Not more than 1 student shall occupy the front seat of the
15 vehicle with the instructor.

16 (iii) A driver education motor vehicle shall contain not more
17 than 4 students during behind-the-wheel instruction.

18 (iv) Not later than 3 weeks after the last classroom
19 instruction has been completed, a student shall complete any
20 remaining required behind-the-wheel instruction.

21 (v) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a student
22 may receive instruction while operating a motor vehicle at a
23 multiple vehicle driving facility. One hour of instruction received
24 at a multiple vehicle driving facility may substitute as credit for
25 1 hour of behind-the-wheel experience. A maximum of 2 hours of
26 behind-the-wheel experience can be substituted with instruction
27 received at a multiple vehicle driving facility.

1 ~~———— (c) A student shall receive 4 or more hours of behind the-~~
2 ~~wheel observation time.~~

3 (2) A driver education provider classified for teen driver
4 training shall not substitute behind-the-wheel instruction with
5 multiple vehicle driving facility experience until the secretary of
6 state gives the provider written approval for that substitution as
7 provided in this act.

8 (3) A driver education provider classified for teen driver
9 training shall not substitute behind-the-wheel driving experience
10 with simulator device training.

11 (4) As used in this section, +

12 ~~———— (a) "Integrated" "INTEGRATED"~~ means classroom and behind-the-
13 wheel instruction scheduled to include a mix of classroom and
14 behind-the-wheel instruction throughout the duration of the driver
15 education course, except as otherwise provided in this section.

16 ~~———— (b) "Observation time" means the time a student in a driver~~
17 ~~education course sits in the rear seat of a vehicle and observes~~
18 ~~another student in the front seat behind the wheel operating the~~
19 ~~controls of the vehicle, responding to driving situations, and with~~
20 ~~an instructor sitting in the front seat.~~