

# HOUSE BILL No. 5805

February 11, 2010, Introduced by Rep. Meadows and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

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  
10 day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 ~~(c) A student shall receive 4 or more hours of behind the~~

1 ~~wheel observation time.~~

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

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

10 (4) As used in this section, +

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

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