

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE RAMRAS

Introduced: 1/16/07

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to driver's licenses for persons under 18 years of age."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 28.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 28.15.058. Special restriction on licensing for persons under 18 years**

5 **of age.** (a) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the department may not issue a
6 driver's license, provisional driver's license, instruction permit, temporary driver's
7 license, or special driver's permit to a person under 18 years of age unless the person

8 (1) has graduated from high school or its equivalent or is enrolled in
9 and attending an educational program that will lead to graduation from high school or
10 its equivalent; and

11 (2) provides to the commissioner a valid, current certificate of good
12 attendance from the principal of the school or educational program or chief
13 administrative officer of the school district; the decision to issue a certificate of good
14 attendance shall be based on the attendance policy of the school, district, or
15 educational program.

1 (b) The department shall revoke the driver's license, provisional driver's
2 license, instruction permit, temporary driver's license, or special driver's permit of a
3 person under 18 years of age if the department discovers or receives notice that the
4 person is no longer enrolled in or attending an educational program that qualifies
5 under (a)(1) of this section or the certificate of good attendance has been withdrawn. A
6 principal or chief administrative officer shall withdraw a certificate of good attendance
7 and provide notice of that withdrawal to the department when the person no longer
8 complies with the attendance policy of the school, district, or educational program.
9 The department may reinstate the license or permit if the person

10 (1) meets the requirements of (a) of this section by reenrolling and
11 attending an appropriate educational program and obtains a valid, current certificate of
12 good attendance for that educational program; or

13 (2) obtains a certificate of exemption from the chief administrative
14 officer of the school district in which the person resides that states

15 (A) the person is unable to pursue the educational program
16 because of disability;

17 (B) the person is unable to pursue the educational program
18 because the person is providing care or services to a disabled parent; or

19 (C) the person needs the license or permit because of the
20 person's employment needs or the employment needs of another person in the
21 same household.