

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 406

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to driver education courses
7 in public high schools."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 14.05 is amended by adding new sections to
10 read:

11 Sec. 14.05.170. PREPARATION OF STUDENT DRIVER EDUCATION
12 COURSE. (a) The department, after consulting with the
13 Department of Public Safety, shall prepare a course of study
14 for student driver education in public high schools. The
15 course of study shall consist of classroom instruction and
16 behind-the-wheel instruction and observation in an automobile.
17 The student driver education course is an accredited elective
18 course.

19 (b) The department shall determine the qualifications
20 for and certify a person who gives instruction in driver
21 education.

22 Sec. 14.05.180. ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDENT DRIVER EDUCA-
23 TION COURSES. (a) The department, for the benefit of state-
24 operated high schools, or the board of a school district, may
25 establish and maintain driver education courses in any high
26 school within its jurisdiction.

27 (b) Student driver education courses may be offered
28 during regular school hours, after school hours or on Satur-
29 days and during summer school.

1 (c) If a private or denominational school is located
2 near a public high school which offers driver education in-
3 struction and a sufficient number of students at the private
4 or denominational school desire to receive driver education
5 instruction, at least one driver education course shall be
6 offered by the public school after regular school hours or on
7 Saturdays.

8 (d) A student shall apply for and receive a restricted
9 instruction permit from the Department of Public Safety be-
10 fore being permitted to participate in the behind-the-wheel
11 instruction portion of a driver education course.

12 (e) No person shall teach any portion of a driver educa-
13 tion course in a public high school unless certified by the
14 department as a qualified instructor in driver education.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 28.15.040(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) Upon application the department may issue a re-
17 stricted instruction permit effective for a school year or a
18 more restricted period to an applicant who is enrolled in a
19 driver [-] education course [PROGRAM] which includes practice
20 driving [AND WHICH IS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT] even though
21 the applicant has not reached the legal age to be eligible
22 for an operator's license. The instruction permit entitles
23 the permittee when he has such a permit in his immediate
24 possession to operate upon a designated highway or within a
25 designated area when an approved instructor is occupying a
26 seat beside the permittee.

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