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BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 505

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act raising the age of qualification for a driver's  
7 license from 16 years to 18 years of age."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 28.15.021(2) is amended to read:

10 (2) a nonresident who is at least 18 [16] years of age and  
11 who has a valid driver's license issued by another jurisdiction; however,  
12 an Alaska driver's license must be obtained by the end of a 90-day  
13 period after entry into the state;

14 \* Sec. 2. AS 28.15.031(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The department shall not issue a driver's license to a person  
16 who is under the age of 18 [16] years, except that the department may  
17 issue a permit under AS 28.15.051 or a restricted license under AS 28.-  
18 15.121.

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 28.15.051(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, a person who is at  
21 least 16 [14] years of age may apply to the department for an instruction  
22 permit. The department may, after the applicant has successfully passed  
23 all parts of the examination under AS 28.15.081 other than the driving  
24 test, issue to the applicant an instruction permit. The permit allows a  
25 person, while having the permit in his immediate possession, to drive a  
26 specified type or class of motor vehicle on a highway or vehicular way  
27 or area for a period not to exceed two years. The permittee must be  
28 accompanied by a person at least 19 years of age who has been licensed  
29 at least one year to drive the type or class of vehicle being used, who

1 is capable of exercising control over the vehicle and who occupies a  
2 seat beside the driver, or who accompanies and immediately supervises  
3 the driver when he drives a motorcycle. An instruction permit may be  
4 renewed.

5 \* Sec. 4. AS 28.15.051(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) The department may issue a special driver's permit to a person  
7 who is at least 16 [14] years of age with the consent of his parents or  
8 guardians for the purpose of driving a motor-driven cycle. This permit  
9 may be issued upon application and successful completion of all pre-  
10 scribed tests and fees, and is valid for the same period of time as a  
11 driver's license. [THE PERMIT IS NOT VALID IN A MUNICIPALITY WHICH BY  
12 ORDINANCE PROHIBITS THE DRIVING OF A MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE BY A PERSON  
13 UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS; A BOROUGH MAY ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ON A NON-  
14 AREAWIDE BASIS ONLY, UNLESS THE POWER TO ADOPT IT ON AN AREAWIDE BASIS  
15 IS ACQUIRED UNDER AS 29.33.250 - 29.33.290.]

16 \* Sec. 5. AS 28.15.051(e) is amended to read:

17 (e) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the depart-  
18 ment may issue a special driver's license to a person who is under the  
19 age of 18 [16] years because of the circumstances of hardship. Special  
20 licenses to be issued because of hardship shall be determined on an  
21 individual basis by the commissioner.

22 \* Sec. 6. AS 28.15.051 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (f) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the depart-  
24 ment may issue a special driver's license to a person who is at least 16  
25 years of age who has successfully completed a driver education program  
26 which includes practice driving and which is approved by the department.  
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