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**Source**

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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to training and licensing of school bus drivers; and providing for an effective date.

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

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AN ACT

Relating to training and licensing of school bus drivers;  
and providing for an effective date.

\* Section 1. AS 14.07.020(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(14) establish, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, a school bus driver training course.

\* Sec. 2. AS 28.15.041(b) is amended to read:

(b) A person may not drive a [SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTING SCHOOL CHILDREN, OR A BUS TRANSPORTING SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN OR ANOTHER] motor vehicle when in use for the transportation of persons for compensation until the person has applied for and has been issued a license for that purpose under (a) of this section. The department may not issue a license under this subsection unless the applicant is at least 19 years of age, has had at least one year of driving experience, and the department is satisfied as to the applicant's good character, competence and fitness to be licensed; nor may the department issue the license until proper application has been made and all required driving, written, and physical examinations have been successfully completed. A license issued under this subsection expires on September 1 of the year following issuance. Application for renewal may be made by submitting to the department the results of a current physical examination and paying the required fee.

\* Sec. 3. AS 28.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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1           Sec. 28.15.046. LICENSING OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS. (a) In addition  
2           to the requirements of AS 28.15.041(a), a person may not drive a  
3           school bus transporting school children, or a bus transporting school-age  
4           children until the person has applied for and has been issued a  
5           license for that purpose under this section.

6           (b) The department may not issue a license under this section  
7           unless the applicant

8                     (1) is at least 19 years of age;

9                     (2) has had a license to operate a motor vehicle at least  
10           one year before the date of application;

11                    (3) has successfully completed all required driving, written,  
12           and physical examinations;

13                    (4) has submitted information sufficient to complete a  
14           background check consisting of a fingerprint check of national criminal  
15           records and state criminal records of the state or states in which  
16           the applicant has resided for the past two years;

17                    (5) has completed a state approved school bus driver training  
18           course established under AS 14.07.020(a)(14) or has for the previous  
19           two years been licensed by the state to operate a school bus.

20           (c) The department may not issue a license under this section to  
21           an applicant who has been convicted of any of the following offenses  
22           within 20 years of the time of application:

23                    (1) sexual abuse of a minor in any degree (AS 11.41.434 -  
24           11.41.440);

25                    (2) sexual assault in any degree (AS 11.41.410 or 11.41.-  
26           420);

27                    (3) incest (AS 11.41.450);

28                    (4) unlawful exploitation of a minor (AS 11.41.455);

29                    (5) contributing to the delinquency of a minor

(AS 11.51.130);

(6) a felony involving possession of a controlled or imitation controlled substance (AS 11.71 or AS 11.73);

(7) a felony or misdemeanor involving distribution of a controlled or imitation controlled substance (AS 11.71 or AS 11.73);

(8) promoting prostitution in the first or second degree (AS 11.66.110 or 11.66.120).

(d) The department may not issue a license to an applicant who has been convicted of driving while intoxicated (AS 28.30.030) within two years of the time of application or to an applicant who has two or more convictions for driving while intoxicated within 10 years of the time of application.

(e) For purposes of determining whether an applicant has been convicted of an offense listed under (c) or (d) of this section, a conviction under prior state law or in another jurisdiction of an offense having elements substantially similar to those of the offenses listed in (c) or (d) of this section is considered a conviction.

(f) Costs of conducting the background check required under (b)(4) of this section shall be paid by the applicant. A license issued under this section expires on September 1 of the year following issuance. Application for renewal may be made by submitting to the department the results of a current physical examination and paying the required fee.

\* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.