



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 30

*Introduced by: The Committee on Transportation at the request of the Department of Public Safety*

1 **An Act to extend the issuance period for commercial learner's permits.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That § 32-12A-12 be AMENDED.

4 **32-12A-12. Issuance of commercial learner's permit--Renewal--Restrictions**  
 5 **on vehicle operation.**

6 A commercial learner's permit may be issued to a person eighteen years of age  
 7 who holds a valid operator's license.

8 No commercial learner's permit may be issued for a period to exceed ~~one hundred~~  
 9 ~~eighty days.~~ A one year. No commercial learner's permit may be renewed ~~once in the one-~~  
 10 ~~year period from the issuance date for an additional one hundred eighty days~~ without the  
 11 holder having to retake each general and endorsement knowledge test. A score for a  
 12 successfully completed segment of the skills test is only valid during initial issuance of the  
 13 commercial learner's permit. If the permit is renewed, the person shall retake each  
 14 segment of the skills test. A commercial learner's permit holder is not eligible to take the  
 15 skills test in the first fourteen days after initial issuance of the permit.

16 The holder of a commercial learner's permit may, unless otherwise disqualified, drive  
 17 a commercial motor vehicle only if accompanied by the holder of a commercial driver  
 18 license with the proper class and endorsements necessary to operate the commercial  
 19 motor vehicle, who is twenty-one years of age, and is at all times physically present in  
 20 the front seat of the vehicle next to the permit holder or if in a passenger vehicle directly  
 21 behind the driver, and at all times has the permit holder under observation and direct  
 22 supervision for the purpose of giving instruction in driving the commercial motor vehicle.