

# State of South Dakota

## SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1998

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1120

Introduced by: Representatives Brown (Richard), Apa, Broderick, Brooks, Chicoine, Cutler, Fiegen, Fischer-Clemens, Fitzgerald, Jorgensen, Matthews, Moore, Peterson (Bill), Richter, and Roe and Senators Aker, Albers, Brosz, Dunn (Rebecca), Everist, Flowers, Halverson, Hunhoff, Hutmacher, Munson (David), Shoener, and Whiting

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a graduated licensing system.

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

3 Section 1. That § 32-12-11 be amended to read as follows:

4 32-12-11. Any person who is at least fourteen years of age ~~may~~ but less than eighteen years  
5 of age applying for a South Dakota driver's license who does not currently hold a driver's license  
6 that has been valid continuously for one hundred eighty days, shall apply to the Department of  
7 Commerce and Regulation for an instruction permit which shall be held for a minimum of one  
8 hundred eighty continuous days. The department may, after the applicant has successfully passed  
9 all parts of the examination other than the driving test and paid a fee which is equal in amount  
10 to the fee prescribed for a driver's license in § 32-12-16, issue to the applicant an instruction  
11 permit. The instruction permit entitles the applicant while having the permit in ~~his~~ the applicant's  
12 immediate possession to drive a motor vehicle upon the public highways for a period of one  
13 ~~hundred and eighty days~~ year if accompanied by a licensed operator who is at least eighteen years  
14 of age, has had at least one year of driving experience, and who is occupying a seat beside the

1 driver ~~unless the permittee is operating a motorcycle or a moped.~~ The holder of an instruction  
2 permit may apply for a restricted permit or operator's license after holding a valid instruction  
3 permit for one hundred eighty continuous days. A motorcycle instruction permit entitles the  
4 holder, while having the permit in ~~his~~ the permit holder's immediate physical possession, to  
5 operate a motorcycle during the hours of 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. if ~~he~~ the permit holder is accompanied  
6 by a licensed motorcycle operator who is at least eighteen years of age, who has at least one year  
7 of driving experience and who is driving another motorcycle along with the permit holder. No  
8 motorcycle instruction permit holder may carry another person on the motorcycle. The permit  
9 is valid for thirty days. The permit may be issued only once in a one-year period.

10 Section 2. That § 32-12-12 be amended to read as follows:

11 32-12-12. A restricted minor's permit may be issued, upon application and payment of the  
12 proper fee as provided for in § 32-12-16, ~~and passage of all driver's license examination tests,~~  
13 ~~to any a minor between the ages of~~ at least fourteen and years of age but less than sixteen years  
14 of age who has successfully passed all driver's license examination tests and completed the  
15 requirements of an instruction permit as outlined in section 1 of this Act, and has not been  
16 convicted of a traffic violation during the past six months. A restricted minor's permit entitles the  
17 holder, while having the permit in ~~his~~ immediate physical possession, to operate a motor vehicle  
18 during the hours of 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. standard time if the motor vehicle is being operated with the  
19 permission of the minor's parents or guardian and during the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. if the  
20 motor vehicle is being operated under the direction of the minor's parent or guardian who is  
21 occupying a seat beside the driver. The restrictions as to time of operation and operation under  
22 the direction of a parent or guardian do not apply to the holder of a valid restricted minor's  
23 permit operating a self-propelled agricultural machine which is not subject to registration under  
24 chapter 32-5.

25 Section 3. That § 32-12-14.1 be amended to read as follows:

1        32-12-14.1. The restrictions in §§ 32-12-12, 32-12-13, and 32-12-14 do not apply if the  
2        minor has obtained the age of sixteen years, unless the minor has not completed the requirements  
3        of an instruction permit as outlined in section 1 of this Act, and has not been convicted of a  
4        traffic violation during the six months prior to the minor's sixteenth birthday. Nothing in this  
5        section precludes the suspension or revocation of the minor's driving privileges upon the receipt  
6        of a record of conviction for a violation of the restrictions committed prior to the minor's  
7        sixteenth birthday.

8        Section 4. That § 32-12-15 be amended to read as follows:

9        32-12-15. The issuance of a an instruction permit or restricted minor's permit ~~under~~  
10        ~~§ 32-12-12~~ is on a probationary basis ~~and the~~. The Department of Commerce and Regulation on  
11        the receipt of a record of conviction for a traffic violation committed classified as a felony or  
12        Class 1 misdemeanor, prior to the minor's sixteenth birthday or a conviction for a violation of  
13        ~~this restricted minor's permit committed prior to the minor's sixteenth birthday~~, shall suspend the  
14        minor's driving privileges for a period of thirty days or as otherwise required by law. ~~A second~~  
15        ~~conviction for a traffic violation committed prior to the minor's sixteenth birthday or a conviction~~  
16        ~~for a violation of this restricted minor's permit committed prior to the minor's sixteenth birthday~~  
17        ~~shall result in revocation of the minor's driving privileges until the minor's sixteenth birthday or~~  
18        ~~for a period of ninety days, whichever period is longer~~ until the minor's sixteenth birthday or as  
19        otherwise required by law. Upon the receipt of a record of conviction prior to the minor's  
20        sixteenth birthday of any other traffic violation, the department shall suspend an instruction  
21        permit or restricted minor's permit for a period of thirty days for a first violation. A second  
22        conviction for a traffic violation committed prior to the minor's sixteenth birthday or a conviction  
23        for a violation of an instruction permit or restricted minor's permit committed prior to the minor's  
24        sixteenth birthday shall result in revocation of the minor's driving privileges until the minor's  
25        sixteenth birthday or for a period of ninety days, whichever period is longer, or as otherwise

1 required by law. If a minor has no instruction permit or restricted minor's permit and ~~commits~~  
2 is convicted of any traffic violation prior to the minor's sixteenth birthday, the department shall  
3 suspend or revoke the minor's driving privilege or privilege to apply for a permit or license as  
4 provided in this section. Any traffic violation which occurs prior to the issuance of ~~a~~ an  
5 instruction permit or restricted minor's permit or an operator's license shall be placed on the  
6 driving record and given the same consideration as any violation which occurs following the  
7 issuance of ~~a~~ an instruction permit, restricted minor's permit, or an operator's license.

8 Section 5. That § 32-12-36 be amended to read as follows:

9 32-12-36. The Department of Commerce and Regulation upon issuing an operator's license  
10 ~~shall have authority whenever good cause appears to~~ or permit may impose restrictions suitable  
11 to the licensee's driving ability with respect to the type of or special mechanical control devices  
12 required on a motor vehicle which the licensee may operate or such other restrictions applicable  
13 to the licensee as the department may determine to be appropriate to assure the safe operation  
14 of a motor vehicle by the licensee.

15 Section 6. That § 32-12-17 be amended to read as follows:

16 32-12-17. The Department of Commerce and Regulation shall, upon payment of the fee  
17 established by § 32-12-16, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor an operator's license. An  
18 operator's license may be issued to a minor at least sixteen years of age but less than eighteen  
19 years of age who has successfully passed all driver's license examination tests and completed the  
20 requirements of an instruction permit as provided in section 1 of this Act, if the applicant has not  
21 been convicted of a traffic violation in the past six months, and if the applicant is not currently  
22 under suspension, revocation, or disqualification. The license shall bear thereon a distinguishing  
23 number assigned to the licensee, the full legal name or any name lawfully taken, date of birth,  
24 residence address, an indication if the licensee is a donor pursuant to chapter 34-26, an indication  
25 if the licensee has a living will pursuant to chapter 34-12D or a durable power of attorney for

1 health care pursuant to chapter 59-7, a color photo and a brief description of the licensee, and  
2 the licensee's signature. The department shall indicate upon each driver's license the general class  
3 of vehicles which the licensee may drive.

4 Section 7. That § 32-12-28 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-12-28. ~~Upon receipt by the department of commerce and regulation of a list of students~~  
6 ~~enrolled in~~ Any student enrolled in a driver education class which has been approved by the  
7 South Dakota ~~division of education services and resources and which list is certified to by an~~  
8 ~~approved driver education instructor on a form furnished by the department, the students on such~~  
9 ~~list so certified~~ Department of Education and Cultural Affairs may drive a motor vehicle without  
10 a license under this chapter on a designated highway or within a designated area ~~when~~ if such  
11 student is accompanied by an approved driver education instructor who is occupying a seat  
12 beside such student driver.

13 Section 8. That chapter 32-12 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
14 follows:

15 Restricted minor's permits issued prior to the effective date of this Act remain valid, subject  
16 to the conditions and restrictions of the minor's permit and any penalties for violation of the  
17 minor's permit.

18 Section 9. That chapter 32-12 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
19 follows:

20 The Department of Commerce and Regulation on the receipt of a record of conviction for  
21 a violation of the conditions of an instruction permit or restricted minor's permit shall suspend  
22 the minor's driving privileges for a period of thirty days.

23 Section 10. The effective date of this Act is January 1, 1999.