

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1283

Introduced by: Representative Garnos and Senator de Hueck

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to permit certain traffic violators to take a driver
2 improvement course in lieu of certain penalties.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 32-12 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 Any person who is guilty of class 2 misdemeanor pursuant to chapter 32-24, 32-25, or 32-26
7 may, if the court approves, take a driver improvement course as provided in section 2 of this Act
8 in lieu of paying or serving the penalty imposed. The teacher or instructor of a driver
9 improvement course, as provided in section 2 of this Act, shall certify to the court and the
10 Department of Commerce and Regulation the name of each person that has successfully
11 completed and passed the driver improvement course. No person may take the driver
12 improvement course more than once in any twenty-four consecutive month period.

13 Section 2. That chapter 32-12 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
14 follows:

15 The Department of Commerce and Regulation shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter

1 1-26, establishing criteria for approving and certifying driver improvement courses. The rules
2 shall provide for:

- 3 (1) Course instruction standards;
- 4 (2) Teacher or instructor certification standards;
- 5 (3) Course approval procedures; and
- 6 (4) Certification of course completion.