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House Bill 4450

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(BY REQUEST OF THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

[Introduced January 21, 2020; Referred
to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure
then Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17B-2-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to instruction permits issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles; and changing the expiration
3 date of instruction permits issued to persons who have reached the age of 18 years from
4 90 days to six months.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.

§17B-2-5. Qualifications, issuance and fee for instruction permits.

1 (a) Any person who is at least 15 years of age may apply to the division for an instruction
2 permit. However, any person who has not attained the age of 18 shall comply with the provisions
3 of §17B-2-3a of this code. The division may, in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully
4 passed all parts of the examination other than the road skills test, issue to the applicant an
5 instruction permit which entitles the applicant while having the permit in his or her immediate
6 possession to drive a motor vehicle upon the public highways when accompanied by a licensed
7 driver of at least 21 years of age, a driver's education or driving school instructor that is acting in
8 an official capacity as an instructor, who is alert and unimpaired or a certified division license
9 examiner acting in an official capacity as an examiner, who is occupying a seat beside the driver.

10 (1) Any instruction permit issued to a person under the age of 18 years shall be issued in
11 accordance with the provisions of §17B-2-3a of this code.

12 (2) Any permit issued to a person who has reached the age of 18 years is valid for a period
13 of ~~ninety days~~ six months. The fee for the instruction permit is \$7.50 for one attempt. The Division
14 of Motor Vehicles may adjust this fee every five years on September 1, based on the U. S.
15 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index: *Provided,*
16 That an increase in such fee may not exceed 10 percent of the total fee amount in a single year.

17 (b) Any person 16 years of age or older may apply to the division for a motorcycle
18 instruction permit. Any person under the age of 18 must have first completed the requirements

19 for a level two intermediate driver's license or a Class E driver's license before being eligible for
20 a motorcycle instruction permit.

21 The division may, in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of
22 the motorcycle examination other than the driving test, and presented documentation of
23 compliance with the provisions of §18-8-11 of this code, if applicable, issue to the applicant an
24 instruction permit which entitles the applicant while having the permit in his or her immediate
25 possession to drive a motorcycle upon the public streets or highways for a period of ~~ninety days~~
26 six months, during the daylight hours between sunrise and sunset only. ~~No~~ A holder of a
27 motorcycle instruction permit ~~shall~~ may not operate a motorcycle while carrying any passenger
28 on the vehicle.

29 A motorcycle instruction permit is not renewable, but a qualified applicant may apply for a
30 new permit. The fee for a motorcycle instruction permit is \$5, which shall be paid into a special
31 fund in the State Treasury known as the Motor Vehicle Fees Fund.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to extend the expiration time for instruction permits issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles to persons who have reached the age of 18 years from 90 days to six months.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.