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IN SENATE

January 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to additional requirements for licensing certain drivers and motorcyclists

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 215 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An applicant for a class D or M license shall be at least eighteen years of age, except that an application shall be accepted if the applicant is at least seventeen years of age and submits acceptable proof of successful completion of a driver education course, approved by the state education department and the commissioner, and proof of completion of the minimum hours of supervised driving as required in paragraph (d) of this subdivision. **An applicant for a class D or M license who is at least eighteen years of age shall further be required to submit acceptable proof of at least six hours experience operating a motor vehicle under the supervision of a driving school instructor pursuant to subdivision seven-a of section three hundred ninety-four of this chapter.**

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

(e) An applicant for a class DJ or MJ license shall be required to submit acceptable proof of at least six hours experience operating a motor vehicle under the supervision of a driving school instructor pursuant to subdivision seven-a of section three hundred ninety-four of this chapter.

§ 3. Subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (i) to read as follows:

(i) Supervised driver training certificate fee. The fee for a supervised driver training certificate provided by the department to an enti-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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ty that is approved by the commissioner to offer supervised driver training, as required in paragraph (c) of subdivision two of this section for a class D or M license applicant or in paragraph (e) of subdivision two of this section for a class DJ or MJ license applicant, for issuance by such entity to a pre-licensee upon their completion of such training, shall be one dollar. Such fee shall be paid by such entity and shall not be charged to a pre-licensee in any manner.

§ 4. Subdivision 7-a of section 394 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 644 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

7-a. Certification of driving time. The commissioner shall establish by regulation a certification process by drivers' schools of the amount of time a holder of a learner's permit has spent operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle while under the immediate supervision of a driving instructor holding an instructor's certificate issued pursuant to subdivision eight of this section. A certificate of driving time issued pursuant to this [~~section~~] subdivision shall be deemed to be proof of all or a portion of the supervised driving experience required under certification pursuant to paragraph (c), (d), or (e) of subdivision two of section five hundred two of this chapter.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such effective date.