

CHAPTER 206

Original Senate File No. 175

HARDSHIP DRIVING PERMITS FOR MINORS

AN ACT to amend W.S. 31-7-112 and 31-7-117(c) relating to motor vehicles; defining who can sign for a minor's driver's license or instruction permit; specifying when a hardship driving permit may be issued to a minor; requiring an investigation before a hardship driving permit shall be issued; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 31-7-112 and 31-7-117(c) are amended to read:

31-7-112. Application for license or permit of persons under 18.

The application of any person under the age of eighteen (18) years for an instruction permit or driver's license shall be signed by a parent or guardian having custody of the applicant. If there is no parent or guardian the application may be signed by the justice of the peace or the county court judge of the applicant's county of residence upon petition to the court and upon a finding by the court that the applicant is sufficiently mature to handle the responsibilities of driving a motor vehicle.

31-7-117. Restricted licenses.

(c) The division may issue a restricted class "C" or "M" license to a person who is between the ages of fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) years upon receipt of application, payment of the proper fees, an affidavit of extreme inconvenience signed by the parent or guardian having custody of the applicant and a finding by the highway patrol that extreme inconvenience actually exists. The applicant shall successfully pass the examination required by W.S. 31-7-114. The licensee may drive a vehicle only between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., within a fifty (50) mile radius of his domicile and only at the direction of his parent or guardian. If any person while licensed under this subsection, receives a citation for a moving violation, the division, upon receipt of the notice of conviction, shall suspend the license and any other license or permit evidencing that person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle. For purposes of this subsection "extreme inconvenience" includes the following circumstances:

- (i) The person must drive to school and the person's residence is more than five (5) miles from the school;
- (ii) The person has a regular job more than five (5) miles from the person's residence;
- (iii) The person must have the license to work in his parent's business; or

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(iv) Any other circumstance which the highway patrol finds is an extreme inconvenience.

Section 2. This act is effective June 8, 1989.

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