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Raised Bill No. 234

LCO No. 1380



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT PERMITTING SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD DRIVERS TO TRANSPORT SIBLINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-36g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (a) Each person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license issued
4 on and after August 1, 2008, and who is sixteen or seventeen years of
5 age shall comply with the following requirements:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for the period
7 of [six months] one year after the date of issuance of such license, such
8 person shall not transport [more than] any passenger, except: (A) [such]
9 Such person's parents or legal [guardian] guardians, at least one of
10 whom holds a motor vehicle operator's license, [or] (B) such person's
11 siblings, (C) [one passenger who is] a driving instructor licensed by the
12 Department of Motor Vehicles, [or] and (D) a person twenty years of age
13 or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years
14 preceding the time of being transported, a motor vehicle of the same
15 class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or

16 her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner
17 during such four-year period;

18 [(2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for the period
19 beginning six months after the date of issuance of such license and
20 ending one year after the date of issuance of such license, such person
21 shall not transport any passenger other than as permitted under
22 subdivision (1) of this subsection and any additional member or
23 members of such person's immediate family;]

24 [(3)] (2) No such person shall operate (A) any motor vehicle for which
25 a public passenger endorsement [, as defined in section 14-1,] is required
26 in accordance with the provisions of section 14-44, or (B) a vanpool
27 vehicle; [, as defined in section 14-1;]

28 [(4)] (3) No such person shall transport more passengers in a motor
29 vehicle than the number of seat safety belts permanently installed in
30 such motor vehicle;

31 [(5)] (4) No such person issued a motorcycle endorsement shall
32 transport any passenger on a motorcycle for a period of six months after
33 the date of issuance;

34 [(6)] (5) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no such
35 person shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway [, as defined in
36 section 14-1,] at or after 11:00 p.m. until and including 5:00 a.m. of the
37 following day unless (A) such person is traveling for his or her
38 employment or school or religious activities, or (B) there is a medical
39 necessity for such travel; and

40 [(7)] (6) No such person shall transport any passenger on an auticycle
41 other than as permitted under [subdivisions (1) and (2)] subdivision (1)
42 of this subsection.

43 (b) A person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license and who is
44 sixteen or seventeen years of age shall not be subject to the restrictions

45 on the number or type of passengers specified in subdivision (1) [or (2)]
46 of subsection (a) of this section, or to the restrictions specified in
47 subdivision [(6)] (5) of said subsection (a), if such person is: An active
48 member of a volunteer fire company or department, a volunteer
49 ambulance service or company or an emergency medical service
50 organization and such person is responding to, or returning from, an
51 emergency or is carrying out such person's duties as such active
52 member; or an assigned driver in a Safe Ride program sponsored by the
53 American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America or other national public
54 service organization.

55 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in
56 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection
57 (a) of this section. Such regulations may provide exceptions to the
58 provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section for a single
59 parent under the age of eighteen for the purposes of transporting the
60 child of such parent to day care, child care and education facilities,
61 medical appointments, and for such other purposes as may be
62 determined by the commissioner.

63 (d) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
64 section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction. The
65 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the motor vehicle
66 operator's license of any person who violates the provisions of
67 subsection (a) of this section for a period of thirty days for a first
68 violation, and for a period of six months or until such person attains the
69 age of eighteen years, whichever is longer, for a second violation.

70 [(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the provisions of
71 this section in effect July 31, 2008, shall be applicable to any person who
72 is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has been issued a motor
73 vehicle operator's license prior to August 1, 2008.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2026	14-36g
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Statement of Purpose:

To permit a person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age to transport such person's siblings after being issued a motor vehicle operator's license.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]