

By the Committee on Juvenile Justice and Representatives
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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to juvenile justice; amending
3 s. 322.056, F.S.; providing an exception to
4 mandatory revocation or suspension of a
5 juvenile's driver's license under certain
6 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 322.056, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 322.056 Mandatory revocation or suspension of, or
13 delay of eligibility for, driver's license for persons under
14 age 18 found guilty of certain alcohol, drug, or tobacco
15 offenses; prohibition.--

16 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 322.055, if a
17 person under 18 years of age is found guilty of or delinquent
18 for a violation of s. 562.11(2), s. 562.111, or chapter 893,
19 and:

20 (a) The person is eligible by reason of age for a
21 driver's license or driving privilege, the court shall direct
22 the department to revoke or to withhold issuance of his or her
23 driver's license or driving privilege for a period of:

24 1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year for
25 the first violation.

26 2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.

27 (b) The person's driver's license or driving privilege
28 is under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court
29 shall direct the department to extend the period of suspension
30 or revocation by an additional period of:

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1 1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year for
2 the first violation.

3 2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.

4 (c) The person is ineligible by reason of age for a
5 driver's license or driving privilege, the court shall direct
6 the department to withhold issuance of his or her driver's
7 license or driving privilege for a period of:

8 1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year
9 after the date on which he or she would otherwise have become
10 eligible, for the first violation.

11 2. Two years after the date on which he or she would
12 otherwise have become eligible, for a subsequent violation.

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14 However, the court may, in the court's discretion, direct the
15 department to issue a license for driving privileges
16 restricted to business or employment purposes only, as defined
17 by s. 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a
18 license.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
20 law.