

By Representative Peterman

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to drivers' licenses; amending
3 s. 322.056, F.S.; authorizing the court to
4 direct the Department of Highway Safety and
5 Motor Vehicles to issue a driver's license
6 restricted to business or employment purposes
7 only to certain persons under age 18 found
8 guilty of certain alcohol, drug, or tobacco
9 offenses; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.

30 (b) The person's driver's license or driving privilege
31 is under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court

1 shall direct the department to extend the period of suspension
2 or revocation by an additional period of:

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

5 2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.

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

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

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

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

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
22 law.

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25 HOUSE SUMMARY

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27 Authorizes the court to direct the Department of Highway
28 Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue a driver's license
29 restricted to business and employment purposes only to
30 certain persons under age 18 found guilty of certain
31 alcohol, drug, or tobacco offenses. See bill for details.