## HOUSE BILL No. 2218

By Representative Burroughs

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AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; concerning certain age restrictions; amending K.S.A. 8-235d, 8-237, 8-239, 8-296, 8-297 and 8-2,147 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 8-240 and repealing the existing sections.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-235d is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-235d. (a) Drivers' license examiners of the division shall accept original applications for drivers' licenses and instruction permits, as distinguished from applications for renewals of licenses, on forms prescribed by the division and also shall issue instruction permits. Drivers' license examiners of the division shall examine every applicant for a driver's license who is required by the provisions of the motor vehicle drivers' license act to be examined. Such examination shall be held in the county where the applicant resides or at a place adjacent thereto reasonably convenient to the applicant or at a location established by the secretary for the issuance of a commercial driver's license. Such examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning and directing traffic, the applicant's knowledge of the traffic laws of this state and shall include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of motor vehicles which the class of license applied for would entitle the applicant to drive. At the conclusion of the examination the examiner shall issue a license to the applicant, if the applicant has successfully passed the examination with the class of license the applicant has applied for.

- (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a):
- (1) Any person applying for a driver's license shall comply with the provisions of subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto; and
- (2)—any person who is under the age of 18 years and at least 16 years of age, who is applying for a driver's license for the first time, not including an instruction permit, shall submit a signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant has completed at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving with at least 10 of those hours being at night. The required adult supervised driving required in this subsection shall be

eonducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license.

Evidence of failure of any licensee who was required to complete the 50 hours of adult supervised driving under this subsection shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.

- (2) any person 18 years of age or older, who is applying for a driver's license for the first time, not including an instruction permit, shall be required to hold a restricted license for a period of at least six months.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-237 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-237. The division of vehicles shall not issue any driver's license to any person:
- (a) Who is under the age of 16 18 years, except that the division may issue:
- (1) A nonrestricted license to a person under the age of 18 years who submits documentation that the person holds a diploma or other certificate of graduation issued to the person from a secondary school of this state or any other state, or that the person holds a general education development (GED) certificate from a state approved institution or organization and has held a restricted license for a period of at least six months; or
- (2) a restricted class C or M license, as provided in this act, to any person who: (1) (A) Is at least 15 16 years of age; (2) (B) has successfully completed an approved course in driver training; (3) (C) has held an instructional permit issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-239, and amendments thereto, for a period of at least six months and has completed at least 25 hours of adult supervised driving; and (4) (D) upon the written application of the person's parent or guardian.

The required adult supervised driving required in clause  $\frac{3}{C}$  above shall be conducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license. Except as hereafter provided, the application of the parent or guardian shall be submitted to the division. The governing body of any city, by ordinance, may require the application of any person who is under 16 18 years of age and who resides within the city to be first submitted to the chief law enforcement officer of the city. The board of county commissioners of any county, by resolution, may require the application of any person who is under 16 18 years of age and who resides within the county and outside the corporate limits of any city to be first submitted to the chief law enforcement officer of the county. No ordinance or resolution authorized by this subsection shall become effective until a copy of it is transmitted to the division of vehicles. The chief law enforcement officer of any city or county which has adopted the ordinance or resolution authorized by this subsection shall make a recommendation on the ap-

plication as to the necessity for the issuance of the restricted license, and the recommendation shall be transmitted, with the application, to the division of vehicles. If the division finds that it is necessary to issue the restricted license, it shall issue a driver's license to the person.

A restricted class C license issued under this subsection shall entitle the licensee, while possessing the license, to operate any motor vehicle in class C, as designated in K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto. A restricted class M license shall entitle the licensee, while possessing such license, to operate a motorcycle. The restricted license shall entitle the licensee to operate the appropriate vehicle at any time:

- (1) While going to or from or in connection with any job, employment or farm-related work;
- (2) on days while school is in session, over the most direct and accessible route between the licensee's residence and school of enrollment for the purposes of school attendance;
- (3) when the licensee is operating a passenger car, at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver; or
- (4) when the licensee is operating a motorcycle, at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid class M driver's license and who is operating a motorcycle in the general proximity of the licensee.

Any licensee issued a restricted license under this subsection *who is under 17 years of age* shall not operate any motor vehicle with nonsibling minor passengers and any conviction for violating this provision shall be construed as a moving traffic violation for the purpose of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto.

A restricted driver's license issued under this subsection is subject to suspension or revocation in the same manner as any other driver's license. In addition, the division may suspend the restricted driver's license upon receiving satisfactory evidence that: (1) The licensee has violated the restriction of the license, (2) the licensee has been involved in two or more accidents chargeable to the licensee or (3) the recommendation of the chief law enforcement officer of any city or county requiring the recommendation has been withdrawn. The suspended license shall not be reinstated for one year or until the licensee reaches the age of 16 18, whichever period is longer.

Any licensee issued a restricted license under this subsection who: (1) Is under the age of  $\frac{16}{18}$  years and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of this subsection until the person reaches  $\frac{17}{19}$  years of age;

or (2) fails to provide the required affidavit stating that the licensee has completed at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving with 10 of those hours being at night shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of this subsection until the person provides such affidavit to the division or the person reaches 17 19 years of age, whichever occurs first.

Any licensee issued a restricted license under this subsection on and after July 1, 1999 2005, shall provide prior to reaching 16 18 years of age, a signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant has completed the required 25 hours prior to being issued a restricted license and 25 hours of additional adult supervised driving. Of the 50 hours required by this subsection, at least 10 of those hours shall be at night. The adult supervised driving shall be conducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license.

Evidence of failure of any licensee who was required to complete the 50 hours of adult supervised driving under this subsection shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.

- (b) Who is under the age of 18 years, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,147, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of driving a commercial or class A or B motor vehicle.
- $\left(c\right)$  . Whose license is currently revoked, suspended or canceled in this or any other state, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-256, and amendments thereto.
- (d) Who is a habitual drunkard, habitual user of narcotic drugs or habitual user of any other drug to a degree which renders the user incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle.
- (e) Who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from any mental disability or disease and who, at the time of making application for a driver's license, has not been restored to capacity in the manner provided by law. Application of this limitation to any person known to have suffered any seizure disorder is subject to the provisions of paragraph (7) of subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-247, and amendments thereto.
- (f) Who is required by the motor vehicle drivers' license act to take an examination, unless the person has successfully passed the examination.
- (g) Who is at least 16 18 years of age and less than 17 19 years of age, who is applying for a driver's license for the first time since reaching 16 18 years of age and who, three times or more, has been adjudged to be a traffic offender under the Kansas juvenile code or a juvenile offender under the Kansas juvenile justice code, by reason of violation of one or

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more statutes regulating the movement of traffic on the roads, streets or highways of this state, except that, in the discretion of the director, the person may be issued a driver's license which is restricted in the manner the division deems to be appropriate. No person described by this subsection shall be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted until the person has reached the age of 17 19 years.

- (h) Who has not submitted proof of age or proof of identity, as required by K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto.
- (i) Whose presence in the United States is in violation of federal immigration laws.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-239 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-239. (a) Any person who is at least 14 15 years of age may apply to the division for an instruction permit. The division may in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination other than the driving test, issue to the applicant an instruction permit which shall entitle the applicant while having such permit in such person's immediate possession to drive a passenger car upon the public highways for a period of one year subject to the restrictions herein contained. The division may issue an instruction or restricted instruction permit to any person who is at least 14 15 years of age and under the age of 16 18 years only upon the written application of a parent or guardian of the minor. The one having the instruction permit may operate a passenger car at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license, who has had at least one year of driving experience and who is occupying a seat beside the driver. Any person who is at least 14 15 years of age may apply for an instruction permit to operate a motorcycle either separate from or in conjunction with an instruction permit to operate a passenger car, and such permit shall entitle the permittee to operate a motorcycle if such person is accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid class M driver's license, who has had at least one year of driving experience and who is riding a motorcycle in the general proximity of the permittee.

(b) The division upon receiving proper application may issue in its discretion a restricted instruction permit effective for a school year or for a more restricted period to an applicant who is at least 14 15 years of age and who is enrolled in a driver-education program which includes practice driving and which is approved by the division, even though the applicant has not reached the legal age to be eligible for a driver's license. Such instruction permit shall entitle the permittee when the person has such permit in such person's immediate possession to operate a passenger car only on a designated highway or within a designated area but only when an approved instructor is occupying a seat beside the permittee or when such permit has been endorsed by an approved instructor to operate a

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passenger car with a parent or guardian who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license, who has had at least one year of driving experience and who is occupying a seat beside the driver.

(c) The division, in its discretion, may issue a temporary driver's permit to an applicant for a classified driver's license permitting the applicant to operate a motor vehicle within such classification while the division is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to such applicant's right to receive a driver's license. The division may issue such a temporary driver's permit to any applicant whose employer certifies that such permit is necessary to complete seasonal agricultural operations of the employer. Any such temporary driver's permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall be in the immediate possession of the permittee while operating a motor vehicle, and it shall be invalid on the date specified thereon, which shall not be more than 15 days after its issuance, or when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 8-240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-240. (a) Every application for an instruction permit shall be made upon a form furnished by the division of vehicles and accompanied by a fee of \$2 for class A, B, C or M and \$5 for all commercial classes. Every other application shall be made upon a form furnished by the division and accompanied by an examination fee of \$3, unless a different fee is required by K.S.A. 8-241, and amendments thereto, and by the proper fee for the license for which the application is made. If the applicant is not required to take an examination the examination fee shall not be required. The examination shall consist of three tests, as follows: (1) Vision; (2) written; and (3) driving. If the applicant fails the vision test, the applicant may have correction of vision made and take the vision test again without any additional fee. If an applicant fails the written test, the applicant may take such test again upon the payment of an additional examination fee of \$1.50. If an applicant fails the driving test, the applicant may take such test again upon the payment of an additional examination fee of \$1.50. If an applicant fails to pass all three of the tests within a period of six months from the date of original application and desires to take additional tests, the applicant shall file an application for reexamination upon a form furnished by the division, which shall be accompanied by a reexamination fee of \$3, except that any applicant who fails to pass the written or driving portion of an examination four times within a sixmonth period, shall be required to wait a period of six months from the date of the last failed examination before additional examinations may be given. Upon the filing of such application and the payment of such reexamination fee, the applicant shall be entitled to reexamination in like

manner and subject to the additional fees and time limitation as provided for examination on an original application. If the applicant passes the reexamination, the applicant shall be issued the classified driver's license for which the applicant originally applied, which license shall be issued to expire as if the applicant had passed the original examination.

- (b) (1) For the purposes of obtaining any driver's license or instruction permit, an applicant shall submit, with the application, proof of age or proof of identity, or both, as the division may require. An applicant shall submit the applicant's social security number, which shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed, except as provided pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2012, and amendments thereto. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant shall submit a sworn statement, with the application, stating that the applicant does not have a social security number. The division shall assign a distinguishing number to the license or permit. If the applicant is applying for an instruction permit or driver's license and the applicant otherwise meets the requirements for such license, the applicant shall receive a temporary license or instruction permit until the division verifies all facts relative to such applicant's right to receive an instruction permit or driver's license, including the age, identity, social security number and residency of the applicant.
- (2) An applicant who submits proof of age or of identity issued by an entity other than a state or the United States shall also submit such proof as the division may require that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States.
- (3) The division shall not issue any driver's license to any person who is not lawfully present in the United States.
- (4) The division shall not issue any driver's license to any person who is not a resident of the state of Kansas, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,148, and amendments thereto.
- (5) The parent or guardian of an applicant under 16 18 years of age shall sign the application for any driver's license submitted by such applicant.
- (c) Every application shall state the name, date of birth, sex and residence address of the applicant, and briefly describe the applicant, and shall state whether the applicant has been licensed as a driver prior to such application, and, if so, when and by what state or country. Such application shall state whether any such license has ever been suspended or revoked, or whether an application has ever been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for such suspension, revocation or refusal. In addition, applications for commercial drivers' licenses and instruction permits for commercial licenses must include the following: The applicant's social security number; the person's signature; the person's color photograph; certifications, including those required by 49 C.F.R. 383.71(a),

effective January 1, 1991; a consent to release driving record information; and, any other information required by the division.

- (d) When an application is received from a person previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the division shall request a copy of the driver's record from the other jurisdiction. When received, the driver's record shall become a part of the driver's record in this state with the same force and effect as though entered on the driver's record in this state in the original instance.
- 9 (e) When the division receives a request for a driver's record from 10 another licensing jurisdiction the record shall be forwarded without 11 charge.
  - (f) A fee shall be charged as follows:
  - (1) For a class C driver's license issued to a person at least 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, \$18;
  - (2) for a class C driver's license issued to a person less than 21 years of age or 65 years of age or older, or a farm permit, \$12;
  - (3) for a class M driver's license issued to a person at least 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, \$12.50;
  - (4) for a class M driver's license issued to a person less than 21 years of age or 65 years of age or older, \$9;
  - (5) for a class A or B driver's license issued to a person who is at least 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, \$24;
  - (6) for a class A or B driver's license issued to a person less than 21 years of age or 65 years of age or older, \$16; or
    - (7) for any class of commercial driver's license, \$18.

A fee of \$10 shall be charged for each commercial driver's license endorsement, except air brake endorsements which shall have no charge.

If one fails to make an original application or renewal application for a driver's license within the time required by law, or fails to make application within 60 days after becoming a resident of Kansas, a penalty of \$1 shall be added to the fee charged for the driver's license.

- (g) Any person who possesses an identification card as provided in K.S.A. 8-1324, and amendments thereto, shall surrender such identification card to the division upon being issued a valid Kansas driver's license or upon reinstatement and return of a valid Kansas driver's license.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 8-296 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-296. (a) Any person who is less than 16 18 years of age but is at least 14 years of age and who resides upon a farm in this state or is employed for compensation upon a farm in this state may apply to the division of vehicles for a farm permit authorizing such person, while possessing the permit, to operate any motor vehicle in class C, as designated in K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto. The farm permit shall entitle the licensee to operate such motor vehicles at any time:

- (1) While going to or from or in connection with any farm job, employment or other farm-related work;
- (2) on days while school is in session, over the most direct and accessible route between the licensee's residence and school of enrollment for the purpose of school attendance; or
- (3) when the licensee is operating a passenger car at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver.
  - (b) A farm permit shall be issued only if:
- (1) The applicant can prove that such applicant resides or works on a farm;
- (2) the applicant has successfully completed the examination requirements in K.S.A. 8-235d, and amendments thereto; and
- (3) the applicant submits the signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant lives on a farm or, if the applicant does not live on a farm but works on a farm, the applicant submits the signed affidavit of the applicant's employer and parent or guardian, attesting to such employment.
- (c) Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section who is under 17 years of age shall not operate any motor vehicle with nonsibling minor passengers and any conviction for violating this provision shall be construed as a moving traffic violation for the purpose of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto.
- (d) As used in this section, "farm" means any parcel of land larger than 20 acres which is used in agricultural operations.
- (e) A farm permit issued under this section is subject to suspension or revocation in the same manner as any other driver's license. A person who has been issued a farm permit and who violates this section by driving beyond the scope allowed in subsection (a) shall lose the farm permit and shall be issued no other driver's license for a period of one year or until the person reaches 16 18 years of age, whichever period is longer.
- (f) Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section on and after July 1, 1999 2005, shall provide prior to reaching 16 18 years of age, a signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant has completed at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving with at least 10 of those hours being at night. The adult supervised driving required by this paragraph shall be conducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license.

Evidence of failure of any licensee who was required to complete the 50 hours of adult supervised driving under this subsection shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of

 comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.

- (g) Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section who: (1) Is under the age of  $\frac{16}{18}$  years and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a), until the person reaches  $\frac{17}{19}$  years of age; or (2) fails to provide the affidavit required under subsection (f), shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a), until the person provides such affidavit to the division or the person reaches  $\frac{17}{19}$  years of age, whichever occurs first.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 8-297 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-297. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, any person who held any valid farm permit, class C or class M driver's license, restricted class C or class M driver's license, instruction permit or commercial driver's license issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-2,147, and amendments thereto, on the effective date of this act may continue to operate motor vehicles subject to the conditions, limitations and restrictions contained in K.S.A. 8-237 and 8-239, 8-239, 8-296 or 8-2,147, and amendments thereto, as in effect on June 30, 1993 2005.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 8-2,147 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2,147. (a) The division may issue a commercial driver's license to an applicant who is a resident of this state and who is at least 16 years of age for the operation of commercial class B and commercial class C motor vehicles for a farm custom harvesting operation. Any person applying for or who is issued a commercial driver's license under this section shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-2,125 through 8-2,145, and amendments thereto.
- (b) For the purpose of this section, "farm custom harvesting operations" means a person, firm, partnership, association or corporation engaged in farm custom harvesting operations if the motor vehicle is used to:
- (1) Transport farm machinery, supplies, or both, to or from a farm, for custom harvesting operations on a farm; or
- (2) transport custom harvested crops only from a harvested field to initial storage or to initial market locations.
- (c) In addition to the driving restrictions contained in this section, a license issued under this section shall be subject to all of the driving restrictions for a restricted class C license contained in K.S.A. 8-237, and amendments thereto.
- $\frac{\text{(e)}}{\text{(d)}}$  The provisions of this section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas uniform commercial drivers' license act.
- 43 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 8-235d, 8-237, 8-239, 8-296, 8-297 and 8-2,147 and

- K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 8-240 are hereby repealed.Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.