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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT INSTRUCTION PERMITS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-36 of the 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 (b) (1) A person eighteen years of age or older who does not hold a
5 motor vehicle operator's license may not operate a motor vehicle on
6 the public highways of the state for the purpose of instruction until
7 such person has applied for and obtained an adult instruction permit
8 from the commissioner. Such person shall not be eligible for an adult
9 instruction permit if such person has had a motor vehicle operator's
10 license or privilege suspended or revoked or has not presented to the
11 commissioner a certificate of successful completion of a course of not
12 less than eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a
13 minimum of four hours on the nature and the medical, biological and
14 physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the
15 operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation
16 of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the

17 operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for
18 alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations. An adult instruction
19 permit shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his
20 or her immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public
21 highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and
22 accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued
23 under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age
24 or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years
25 preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the
26 motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or her motor
27 vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner during the
28 four-year period preceding the instruction.

29 (2) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
30 applicant holding an adult instruction permit before such applicant (A)
31 has successfully completed not less than ten hours of behind-the-
32 wheel, on-the-road instruction under the instruction of a person who
33 (i) holds an instructor's license issued pursuant to section 14-73, or (ii)
34 is twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate, for at
35 least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same
36 class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or
37 her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner
38 during the four-year period preceding the instruction, and (B) submits
39 to the department, with the application for a motor vehicle operator's
40 license, a written statement signed by such instructor attesting that
41 such applicant has successfully completed the behind-the-wheel, on-
42 the-road instruction requirements established in this subdivision. The
43 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not issue a motor vehicle
44 operator's license to any person holding an adult instruction permit
45 who has held such permit for less than ninety days unless such person
46 [(A)] (I) is a member of the armed forces on active duty outside the
47 state, [or (B)] (II) has previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle
48 operator's license, or (III) has held an adult instruction permit for at
49 least forty-five days and completed at least four hours of behind-the-

50 wheel, on-the-road instruction with a drivers' school licensed in
51 accordance with the provisions of section 14-69.

52 [(2)] (3) A person holding a valid out-of-state motor vehicle
53 operator's license may operate a motor vehicle for a period of thirty
54 days following such person's establishment of residence in
55 Connecticut, if the motor vehicle is of the same class as that for which
56 his or her out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license was issued.

57 [(3)] (4) No person may cause or permit the operation of a motor
58 vehicle by a person under sixteen years of age.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	14-36(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To increase public safety on the roads by ensuring adequate training and knowledge for adults learning to drive.

[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.]