



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
SEN. WITKOS, 8<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 261

File No. 89

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 14-36j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

5 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall amend the regulations  
6 adopted pursuant to sections 14-36f, as amended by this act, and 14-78,  
7 as amended by this act, concerning the content of safe driving  
8 instruction courses offered at drivers' schools, high schools and other  
9 secondary schools to require the eight hours of instruction required by  
10 such regulations to include, for applicants to whom a learner's permit  
11 or youth instruction permit is issued, two hours of instruction  
12 concerning the statutory provisions, including penalties, applicable to  
13 drivers who are less than eighteen years of age, the dangers of teenage  
14 driving, the cognitive development of adolescents, the responsibilities  
15 and liabilities of parents of teenage drivers, and related topics deemed

16 by the commissioner to be appropriate.

17 (b) A parent or guardian of any such applicant to whom a learner's  
18 permit or youth instruction permit is issued on or after August 1, 2008,  
19 who is less than eighteen years of age, shall attend such two hours of  
20 instruction with such applicant, unless such instruction is provided  
21 through real-time interactive distance learning. Before any such  
22 applicant is permitted to take the driver's test, such applicant shall  
23 provide an affidavit to the commissioner, signed under penalty of false  
24 statement, by an official of the driver's school, high school or other  
25 secondary school by which such course was conducted, (1) that a parent  
26 or guardian attended the two hours of instruction required by  
27 subsection (a) of this section with such applicant, or (2) that a parent or  
28 guardian was not required to attend the two hours of instruction with  
29 such applicant because such instruction was provided through real-time  
30 interactive distance learning."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-36j
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