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To amend section 4507.21 of the Revised Code to  
exempt certain military-related limited term  
driver's license applicants from the driver's  
education requirements and to declare an  
emergency.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4507.21 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 4507.21.** (A) Except as provided in section 4507.061  
of the Revised Code, each applicant for a driver's license shall  
file an application in the office of the registrar of motor  
vehicles or of a deputy registrar.

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(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (4) of this  
section, each person under twenty-one years of age applying for  
a driver's license issued in this state and each person twenty-  
one years of age or older applying for an initial limited term  
license in this state shall present satisfactory evidence of  
having successfully completed one of the following:

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(a) A driver training course approved by the director of  
public safety.

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(b) A driver training course comparable to a driver

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training course described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section 21  
and administered by a branch of the armed forces of the United 22  
States and completed by the applicant while residing outside 23  
this state for the purpose of being with or near any person 24  
serving in the armed forces of the United States. 25

(2) Each person under twenty-one years of age applying for 26  
a driver's license also shall present, on a form prescribed by 27  
the registrar, an affidavit signed by an eligible adult 28  
attesting that the person has acquired at least fifty hours of 29  
actual driving experience, with at least ten of those hours 30  
being at night. 31

(3) Except as provided in division (B)(4) of this section, 32  
each person twenty-one years of age or older applying for an 33  
initial limited term license in this state also shall present, 34  
on a form prescribed by the registrar, an affidavit signed by an 35  
adult who holds a current valid driver's or commercial driver's 36  
license issued by this state that the applicant has acquired at 37  
least fifty hours of actual driving experience, with at least 38  
ten of those hours being at night, accompanied by the signing 39  
adult. 40

(4) ~~Both~~ All of the following individuals are exempt from 41  
the requirements specified in divisions (B)(1) and (3) of this 42  
section: 43

(a) A person who receives a waiver of the examination by 44  
the registrar in accordance with section 4507.10 of the Revised 45  
Code; 46

(b) An initial limited term license applicant twenty-one 47  
years of age or older who is from a country with which the 48  
registrar has a reciprocal arrangement in accordance with 49

section 4507.101 of the Revised Code; 50

(c) A person who possesses both a valid, unexpired visa 51  
issued by the United States department of state and a valid, 52  
unexpired foreign driver's license and who presents a form, 53  
prescribed by the registrar, attesting to the person's 54  
relationship with either the United States military, the United 55  
States department of defense, or any of the subordinate agencies 56  
to the department of defense. 57

(C) (1) An applicant for an initial driver's license shall 58  
present satisfactory evidence of successful completion of the 59  
abbreviated driver training course for adults, approved by the 60  
director of public safety under section 4508.02 of the Revised 61  
Code, if all of the following apply: 62

(a) The applicant is twenty-one years of age or older. 63

(b) The applicant failed the road or maneuverability test 64  
required under division (A) (2) of section 4507.11 of the Revised 65  
Code. 66

(c) In the twelve months immediately preceding the date of 67  
application, the applicant has not successfully completed a 68  
driver training course. 69

(2) An applicant shall present satisfactory evidence as 70  
required under division (C) (1) of this section prior to 71  
attempting the test a second or subsequent time. 72

(D) If the registrar or deputy registrar determines that 73  
the applicant is entitled to the driver's license, it shall be 74  
issued. If the application shows that the applicant's license 75  
has been previously canceled or suspended, the deputy registrar 76  
shall forward the application to the registrar, who shall 77  
determine whether the license shall be granted. 78

(E) An applicant shall file an application under this 79  
section in duplicate, and the deputy registrar issuing the 80  
license shall immediately forward to the office of the registrar 81  
the original copy of the application, together with the 82  
duplicate copy of any certificate of completion if issued for 83  
purposes of division (B) of this section. The registrar shall 84  
prescribe rules as to the manner in which the deputy registrar 85  
files and maintains the applications and other records. The 86  
registrar shall file every application for a driver's or 87  
commercial driver's license and index them by name and number, 88  
and shall maintain a suitable record of all licenses issued, all 89  
convictions and bond forfeitures, all applications for licenses 90  
denied, and all licenses that have been suspended or canceled. 91

(F) For purposes of section 2313.06 of the Revised Code, 92  
the registrar shall maintain accurate and current lists of the 93  
residents of each county who are eighteen years of age or older, 94  
have been issued, on and after January 1, 1984, driver's or 95  
commercial driver's licenses that are valid and current, and 96  
would be electors if they were registered to vote, regardless of 97  
whether they actually are registered to vote. The lists shall 98  
contain the names, addresses, dates of birth, duration of 99  
residence in this state, citizenship status, and social security 100  
numbers, if the numbers are available, of the licensees, and may 101  
contain any other information that the registrar considers 102  
suitable. 103

(G) Each person under eighteen years of age applying for a 104  
motorcycle operator's endorsement or a restricted license 105  
enabling the applicant to operate a motorcycle shall present 106  
satisfactory evidence of having completed the courses of 107  
instruction in the motorcycle safety and education program 108  
described in section 4508.08 of the Revised Code or a comparable 109

course of instruction administered by a branch of the armed 110  
forces of the United States and completed by the applicant while 111  
residing outside this state for the purpose of being with or 112  
near any person serving in the armed forces of the United 113  
States. If the registrar or deputy registrar then determines 114  
that the applicant is entitled to the endorsement or restricted 115  
license, it shall be issued. 116

(H) No person shall knowingly make a false statement in an 117  
affidavit presented in accordance with division (B) (2) of this 118  
section. 119

(I) As used in this section, "eligible adult" means any of 120  
the following persons: 121

(1) A parent, guardian, or custodian of the applicant; 122

(2) A person over the age of twenty-one who acts in loco 123  
parentis of the applicant and who maintains proof of financial 124  
responsibility with respect to the operation of a motor vehicle 125  
owned by the applicant or with respect to the applicant's 126  
operation of any motor vehicle. 127

(J) Whoever violates division (H) of this section is 128  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined one hundred 129  
dollars. 130

**Section 2.** That existing section 4507.21 of the Revised 131  
Code is hereby repealed. 132

**Section 3.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 133  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 134  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 135  
certain foreign government officials and contractors associated 136  
with the United States military and Department of Defense are 137  
otherwise unable to drive in Ohio without undertaking the 138

complete driver's education courses and practice hours. 139

Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 140