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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