

Sub. H. B. No. 96  
As Passed by the Senate  
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\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

After line 93390, insert:

"**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.

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (4) of this  
section, each person under ~~eighteen~~twenty-one years of age  
applying for a driver's license issued in this state and each  
person ~~eighteen~~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:

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

(b) A driver training course comparable to a driver  
training course described in division (B) (1) (a) of this section  
and administered by a branch of the armed forces of the United  
States and completed by the applicant while residing outside

this state for the purpose of being with or near any person 19  
serving in the armed forces of the United States. 20

(2) Each person under ~~eighteen~~twenty-one years of age 21  
applying for a driver's license also shall present, on a form 22  
prescribed by the registrar, an affidavit signed by an eligible 23  
adult attesting that the person has acquired at least fifty 24  
hours of actual driving experience, with at least ten of those 25  
hours being at night. 26

(3) Except as provided in division (B) (4) of this section, 27  
each person ~~eighteen~~twenty-one years of age or older applying 28  
for an initial limited term license in this state also shall 29  
present, on a form prescribed by the registrar, an affidavit 30  
signed by an adult who holds a current valid driver's or 31  
commercial driver's license issued by this state that the 32  
applicant has acquired at least fifty hours of actual driving 33  
experience, with at least ten of those hours being at night, 34  
accompanied by the signing adult. 35

(4) Both of the following individuals are exempt from the 36  
requirements specified in divisions (B) (1) and (3) of this 37  
section: 38

(a) A person who receives a waiver of the examination by 39  
the registrar in accordance with section 4507.10 of the Revised 40  
Code; 41

(b) An initial limited term license applicant ~~eighteen~~twenty-one 42  
years of age or older who is from a country with 43  
which the registrar has a reciprocal arrangement in accordance 44  
with section 4507.101 of the Revised Code. 45

(C) (1) An applicant for an initial driver's license shall 46  
present satisfactory evidence of successful completion of the 47

abbreviated driver training course for adults, approved by the 48  
director of public safety under section 4508.02 of the Revised 49  
Code, if all of the following apply: 50

(a) The applicant is ~~eighteen~~twenty-one years of age or 51  
older. 52

(b) The applicant failed the road or maneuverability test 53  
required under division (A) (2) of section 4507.11 of the Revised 54  
Code. 55

(c) In the twelve months immediately preceding the date of 56  
application, the applicant has not successfully completed a 57  
driver training course. 58

(2) An applicant shall present satisfactory evidence as 59  
required under division (C) (1) of this section prior to 60  
attempting the test a second or subsequent time. 61

(D) If the registrar or deputy registrar determines that 62  
the applicant is entitled to the driver's license, it shall be 63  
issued. If the application shows that the applicant's license 64  
has been previously canceled or suspended, the deputy registrar 65  
shall forward the application to the registrar, who shall 66  
determine whether the license shall be granted. 67

(E) An applicant shall file an application under this 68  
section in duplicate, and the deputy registrar issuing the 69  
license shall immediately forward to the office of the registrar 70  
the original copy of the application, together with the 71  
duplicate copy of any certificate of completion if issued for 72  
purposes of division (B) of this section. The registrar shall 73  
prescribe rules as to the manner in which the deputy registrar 74  
files and maintains the applications and other records. The 75  
registrar shall file every application for a driver's or 76

commercial driver's license and index them by name and number, 77  
and shall maintain a suitable record of all licenses issued, all 78  
convictions and bond forfeitures, all applications for licenses 79  
denied, and all licenses that have been suspended or canceled. 80

(F) For purposes of section 2313.06 of the Revised Code, 81  
the registrar shall maintain accurate and current lists of the 82  
residents of each county who are eighteen years of age or older, 83  
have been issued, on and after January 1, 1984, driver's or 84  
commercial driver's licenses that are valid and current, and 85  
would be electors if they were registered to vote, regardless of 86  
whether they actually are registered to vote. The lists shall 87  
contain the names, addresses, dates of birth, duration of 88  
residence in this state, citizenship status, and social security 89  
numbers, if the numbers are available, of the licensees, and may 90  
contain any other information that the registrar considers 91  
suitable. 92

(G) Each person under eighteen years of age applying for a 93  
motorcycle operator's endorsement or a restricted license 94  
enabling the applicant to operate a motorcycle shall present 95  
satisfactory evidence of having completed the courses of 96  
instruction in the motorcycle safety and education program 97  
described in section 4508.08 of the Revised Code or a comparable 98  
course of instruction administered by a branch of the armed 99  
forces of the United States and completed by the applicant while 100  
residing outside this state for the purpose of being with or 101  
near any person serving in the armed forces of the United 102  
States. If the registrar or deputy registrar then determines 103  
that the applicant is entitled to the endorsement or restricted 104  
license, it shall be issued. 105

(H) No person shall knowingly make a false statement in an 106

affidavit presented in accordance with division (B) (2) of this 107  
section. 108

(I) As used in this section, "eligible adult" means any of 109  
the following persons: 110

(1) A parent, guardian, or custodian of the applicant; 111

(2) A person over the age of twenty-one who acts in loco 112  
parentis of the applicant and who maintains proof of financial 113  
responsibility with respect to the operation of a motor vehicle 114  
owned by the applicant or with respect to the applicant's 115  
operation of any motor vehicle. 116

(J) Whoever violates division (H) of this section is 117  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined one hundred 118  
dollars." 119

After line 93443, insert: 120

**"Sec. 4508.02.** (A) (1) The director of public safety, 121  
subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt and 122  
prescribe such rules concerning the administration and 123  
enforcement of this chapter as are necessary to protect the 124  
public. The rules shall require an assessment of the holder of a 125  
probationary instructor license. The director shall inspect the 126  
school facilities and equipment of applicants and licensees and 127  
examine applicants for instructor's licenses. 128

(2) The director shall adopt rules governing online driver 129  
education courses that may be completed via the internet to 130  
satisfy the classroom instruction under division (C) of this 131  
section. The rules shall do all of the following: 132

(a) Establish standards that an online driver training 133  
enterprise must satisfy to be licensed to offer an online driver 134

education course via the internet, including, at a minimum, 135  
proven expertise in providing driver education and an acceptable 136  
infrastructure capable of providing secure online driver 137  
education in accord with advances in internet technology. The 138  
rules shall allow an online driver training enterprise to be 139  
affiliated with a licensed driver training school offering in- 140  
person classroom instruction, but shall not require such an 141  
affiliation. 142

(b) Establish content requirements that an online driver 143  
education course must satisfy to be approved as equivalent to 144  
twenty-four hours of in-person classroom instruction; 145

(c) Establish attendance standards, including a maximum 146  
number of course hours that may be completed in a twenty-four- 147  
hour period; 148

(d) Allow an enrolled applicant to begin the required 149  
eight hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction upon 150  
completing all twenty-four hours of course instruction; 151

(e) Establish any other requirements necessary to regulate 152  
online driver education. 153

(B) The director shall administer and enforce this 154  
chapter. 155

(C) The rules shall require twenty-four hours of completed 156  
in-person classroom instruction or the completion of an 157  
approved, equivalent online driver education course offered via 158  
the internet by a licensed online driver training enterprise, 159  
followed by eight hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction 160  
conducted on public streets and highways of this state for all 161  
beginning drivers of noncommercial motor vehicles who are 162  
required to complete the training under section 4507.21 of the 163

Revised Code. The rules shall allow beginning drivers of 164  
noncommercial motor vehicles to complete the driver education 165  
course at any point while holding a valid temporary instruction 166  
permit. The rules also shall require the classroom instruction 167  
or online driver education course for such drivers to include 168  
instruction on both of the following: 169

(1) The dangers of driving a motor vehicle while 170  
distracted, including while using an electronic wireless 171  
communications device, or engaging in any other activity that 172  
distracts a driver from the safe and effective operation of a 173  
motor vehicle; 174

(2) The dangers of driving a motor vehicle while under the 175  
influence of a controlled substance, prescription medication, or 176  
alcohol. 177

(D) The rules shall state the minimum hours for classroom 178  
and behind-the-wheel instruction required for beginning drivers 179  
of commercial trucks, commercial cars, buses, and commercial 180  
tractors, trailers, and semitrailers. 181

(E) (1) The department of public safety may charge a fee to 182  
each online driver training enterprise in an amount sufficient 183  
to pay the actual expenses the department incurs in the 184  
regulation of online driver education courses. 185

(2) The department shall supply to each licensed online 186  
driver training enterprise certificates to be used for 187  
certifying an applicant's enrollment in an approved online 188  
driver education course and a separate certificate to be issued 189  
upon successful completion of an approved online driver 190  
education course. The certificates shall be numbered serially. 191  
The department may charge a fee to each online driver training 192

enterprise per certificate supplied to pay the actual expenses 193  
the department incurs in supplying the certificates. 194

(F) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with 195  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing an abbreviated driver 196  
training course for adults." 197

Update the title, amend, enact, or repeal clauses accordingly 198

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

#### SYNOPSIS

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#### **Driver training requirements**

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#### **R.C. 4507.21 and 4508.02**

201

Restores provisions from the House-passed version of the 202  
bill that do the following: 203

- Require all individuals under 21, instead of under 18, 204  
to complete the full driver's education course and 50 hours of 205  
practice driving with an eligible adult in order to obtain an 206  
initial driver's license; 207

- Modify the abbreviated driver training course for adults 208  
to apply to individuals 21 and older; and 209

- Authorize a beginning driver to complete the driver 210  
education course at any point while holding a valid temporary 211  
instruction permit, which is valid for one year after issuance. 212