

SENATE, No. 2132

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 5, 1997

By Senators CIESLA

1 AN ACT concerning the licensing of drivers' schools and  
2 supplementing P.L.1951, c.216 (C.39:12-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a  
8 person who is employed as a driving instructor in a public or non-  
9 public secondary school shall receive hour-for-hour credit from the  
10 Division of Motor Vehicles for the person's behind-the-wheel  
11 instructional experience towards the fulfillment of any behind-the-  
12 wheel hourly instructional requirement necessary to obtain a drivers'  
13 school license.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to  
16 instructional experience heretofore or hereafter acquired.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the  
22 Department of Transportation to recognize the behind-the-wheel  
23 experience of secondary school driving instructors for the purpose of  
24 issuing a license to operate a commercial drivers' school. DMV  
25 regulations presently require an applicant for a drivers' school license,  
26 or an employee of the applicant, to have 500 hours experience  
27 providing behind-the-wheel instruction in a commercial driving school.  
28 DMV does not recognize the behind-the-wheel instructional  
29 experience of secondary school driving instructors as satisfying this  
30 requirement. However, the skills needed to provide behind-the-wheel  
31 instruction in secondary schools and in commercial schools are quite  
32 similar. Accordingly, it is only fair that the behind-the-wheel driving  
33 experience of secondary school driving instructors be treated  
34 comparably to that of commercial driving school instructors for  
35 purposes of obtaining a commercial drivers' school license. This bill  
36 shall apply to instructional experience acquired before and after the  
37 effective date of this act.

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3 Requires the DMV to credit secondary school driving instructors for  
4 their behind-the-wheel instructional experience for purposes of  
5 obtaining a drivers' school license.