

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.