

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Hathaway House Bill Number 723

Legislative Action:

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House Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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House: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: Jefferson High School

Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Governor: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Committee: Hathaway House Blue Committee

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "A bill that would only require a 6 month waiting period to  
2 get a drivers license"

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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6 **61-5-133. (Effective July 1, 2006) First year restrictions on driver's license issued to minor.**

7 (1) A driver's license issued to a person who is under 18 years of age is subject to the following  
8 restrictions for ~~1 year~~ 6 months from the date of issuance of the license or until the person is 18  
9 years of age, whichever occurs first:

10 (a) A restricted licensee may not operate a motor vehicle, required by [61-9-409](#) to be  
11 equipped with seatbelts, unless each occupant of the motor vehicle is wearing a seatbelt, as  
12 defined in [61-13-102](#), or is properly restrained, as required under [61-9-420](#). The number of motor  
13 vehicle occupants may not exceed the number of seatbelts with which the motor vehicle is  
14 equipped.

15 (b) A restricted licensee may not operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5  
16 a.m. unless the restricted licensee is:

17 (i) accompanied by a licensed driver who is 18 years of age or older or, if the restricted  
18 licensee is operating a motorcycle, the restricted licensee is under the immediate and proximate  
19 visual supervision of a licensed driver who is 18 years of age or older and who is riding with the  
20 licensee and is operating a separate motorcycle or other motor vehicle;

21 (ii) driving to the restricted licensee's place of employment from the restricted licensee's  
22 residence, is returning to the restricted licensee's residence from the restricted licensee's place of  
23 employment, or is driving in the course and scope of employment;

24 (iii) driving from the restricted licensee's residence to a school-sponsored event at a school  
25 attended by the restricted licensee, including any site for school-provided transportation to and  
26 from the event, or is returning from the event or site to the restricted licensee's residence;

27 (iv) driving from the restricted licensee's residence to an event sponsored by a religious  
28 organization or is returning from the event to the restricted licensee's residence;

29 (v) driving for a purpose related to a medical emergency, fire emergency, or law enforcement-  
30 related emergency;

31 (vi) driving for the sole purpose of transporting farm or ranch products, machinery, or  
32 supplies within 150 miles of a farm or ranch headquarters;

33 (vii) an emancipated minor; or  
34 (viii) driving under a specific authorization for a specific purpose from the restricted  
35 licensee's parent or legal guardian. A peace officer may verify the authorization by contacting the  
36 parent or legal guardian.

37 (c) (i) For the six months between getting a permit and obtaining a license, persons are  
38 required to drive a total of 50 hours during daylight hours and 15 hours at night. During the six  
39 month period someone of the age 18 and older and holding a valid driver's license is required to  
40 be in the passenger seat next to the licensee at all times while licensee is driving a vehicle. for the  
41 first 6 months of the 1-year restriction period, a restricted license may not operate a motor  
42 vehicle with more than one passenger who is under 18 years of age unless:— (A) the  
43 restricted licensee is supervised by a license driver who is at least 18 years of age; or

44 (B) the additional passengers under 18 years of age are members of the restricted licensee's  
45 family.

46 (ii) ~~For the second 6 months of the 1-year restriction period, a restricted license may not~~  
47 ~~operate a motor vehicle with more than three passengers who are under 18 years of age unless:~~

48 (A) the restricted licensee is supervised by a licensed driver who is at least 18 years of age; or

49 (B) the additional passengers under 18 years of age are members of the licensee's family.

50 (iii) ~~For the first 6 months of the 1-year restriction period, a restricted licensee may not~~  
51 ~~operate a motorcycle with a passenger who is under 18 years of age.~~

52 (2) ~~For purposes of this section, the term "restricted licensee" includes a person under 18~~  
53 ~~years of age who holds a motorcycle only endorsement issued by the department and the term~~  
54 ~~"motor vehicle" includes a motorcycle, except when otherwise noted.~~

55 **History:** En. Sec. 3, Ch. 297, L. 2005.

56 Section 2: This bill would come into effect upon passage.

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