

SENATE BILL NO. 100

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:402.1(A)(1)(a) and (2)(b), 407(A)(2)(a), and 408(A)(1),  
3 relative to driver education; to provide for education and knowledge of trailer safety;  
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:402.1(A)(1)(a) and (2)(b), 407(A)(2)(a), and 408(A)(1) are hereby  
7 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §402.1. Driver education; required

9 A. No application for a license for the operation of a motor vehicle shall be  
10 received from any person making application for the first time unless there is also  
11 submitted with the application, on a form approved by the secretary of the  
12 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, written  
13 evidence of the successful completion by the applicant of one of the following:

14 (1)(a) A "driver education course" for any person under the age of eighteen,  
15 which shall consist of not less than eight hours of actual driving instruction and thirty  
16 hours of classroom instruction. A person shall not be allowed to receive more than  
17 four hours of actual driving instruction on any single calendar day. The Department  
18 of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, shall establish rules and  
19 regulations to administer and define the requirements of the course. The rules and  
20 regulations established by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public  
21 safety services, shall provide for instruction relative **to trailer safety and** to the  
22 economic effects of littering. Oversight review of these rules shall be conducted by  
23 the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works in  
24 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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1 (2) A "prelicensing training course" from any person eighteen years or older  
 2 if a driver education course is not completed. The prelicensing training course shall  
 3 consist of a minimum of six hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of eight  
 4 hours of actual driving instruction. A person shall not be allowed to receive more  
 5 than four hours of actual driving instruction on any single calendar day. The  
 6 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, shall establish  
 7 rules and regulations to administer and define the requirements of the course.  
 8 Oversight review of these rules shall be conducted by the House and Senate  
 9 committees on transportation, highways and public works in accordance with the  
 10 Administrative Procedure Act. The rules shall provide for:

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12 (b) Course content and presentation, including content relative **to trailer**  
 13 **safety and** to the economic effects of littering.

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15 §407. Application of minors; revocation; applications of persons less than  
 16 twenty-one years of age

17 A.(1) \* \* \*

18 (2)(a) Upon completion of a driver's education course approved by the  
 19 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, and upon  
 20 passing a visual examination and a road knowledge test, including rules of the road,  
 21 signs, and signals, sharing the road with motorcycles and tractor/trailer trucks,  
 22 knowledge of distracted driving issues, **knowledge of trailer safety;** and not less  
 23 than two questions relative to railroad and highway grade railroad safety, an  
 24 applicant at least fifteen years of age, but less than seventeen years of age, applying  
 25 for the first time may be issued a Class "E" learner's license. The license may be  
 26 issued for a four-year period at the same fee as a Class "E" driver's license and must  
 27 be maintained for at least one hundred eighty days, unless prior to such time the  
 28 driver reaches seventeen years of age, prior to being converted to a Class "E"  
 29 intermediate driver's license. The Class "E" learner's license shall authorize the  
 30 holder to drive while being accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, adult at least

1 age twenty-one or older, or licensed sibling at least age eighteen or older.

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3 §408. Examination of applicants required; classes of licenses

4 A.(1) Except as otherwise provided, every applicant must pass a written  
5 knowledge and skills test for a motor vehicle representative of the type of motor  
6 vehicle he operates or expects to operate, or provide evidence on a form approved  
7 by the department that he has successfully passed the written knowledge test and a  
8 driving or skills test administered by an authorized third party. In addition to the  
9 specialized knowledge and skills tests, each such examination shall include: a test  
10 of the applicant's eyesight; his ability to understand highway signs regulating,  
11 warning, and directing traffic; his knowledge of railroad and highway grade crossing  
12 safety; his knowledge of sharing the road with motorcycles and tractor/trailer trucks;  
13 his knowledge of the economic effects of littering; his knowledge of distracted  
14 driving issues; **his knowledge of trailer safety**; and his knowledge of all relevant  
15 traffic regulations.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_