

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Blue Bill # P7						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 3						
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School: Heritage Christian Academy							
City: Hopkinsville							
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1 An act to lower the age of obtaining a Learner's Permit to 14 years of age.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: The Commonwealth of Kentucky is one of only nine states that still have the age requirement of
6 16 years before obtaining a learner's permit and/or driver's license. The other 41 states allow teenagers to
7 obtain a learner's permit at the age of 14 or 15 years, with their driver's license being obtained within the
8 following year.
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10 Section 2: Once an individual reaches the age of 14, he or she may apply for a learner's permit. In order to
11 obtain a learner's permit, an individual must attend a mandatory driver's education class. After attending the
12 driver's education class, a learner's permit will be issued. Each individual will maintain a driving log for one
13 year, with a minimum of 100 driving hours recorded within the year. Once an individual reaches the age of
14 15 and has recorded a minimum of 100 driving hours, he or she may apply for an Intermediate driver's
15 license. With an Intermediate driver's license, an individual must record a minimum of 60 driving hours.
16 During Permit and Intermediate phases, an individual must have an adult over the age of 21 in the vehicle
17 with them. Once an individual reaches the age of 16 and has recorded all necessary driving hours (160
18 total), he or she may schedule a road test. Upon passing the road test, a Standard driver's license will be
19 issued.
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21 Section 3: This bill provides the opportunity for teenage drivers to gain more experience behind the wheel at
22 an earlier age. Teenagers would have more time to develop proper driving techniques and skills and to
23 develop responsible driving habits.
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25 Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Transportation and local Offices of the Circuit Court Clerk will be
26 responsible for the regulation of the policies set forth by this bill.
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28 Section 5: This bill will generate revenue for the state through licensing fees and it will require no additional
29 funding for its implementation.
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31 Section 6: This bill will go into effect 6 months after passage.