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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 166, L.D. 427, Bill, "An Act to Create an Intermediate License for Minors"

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§1302-A.~~" in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "this section" and inserting in its place the following: 'subsection 2'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§1302-A.~~" by striking out all of subsections 2 to 5 and inserting in their place the following:

'2. Authorization to operate during restricted hours: contents of letter. When in possession of a notarized letter that meets the requirements of this subsection, an intermediate licensee may operate during restricted hours for the purposes authorized by the letter without an accompanying adult as required by subsection 1, paragraphs A and B.

A letter authorizing operating during restricted hours for a school activity must be signed by a teacher or school official and, if the licensee is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian and must contain the following sworn information: the teacher's or school official's name, work address and phone number; the school activity that necessitates driving during the restricted hours; the duration of the activity; and the days and times for that school activity.

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2 A letter authorizing operating during restricted hours for
4 employment purposes must be signed by an employer and, if the
6 licensee is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian and must
8 contain the following sworn information: the employer's name,
work address and phone number; the work hours that necessitate
driving during restricted hours; and the scheduled date of
termination of employment if applicable.'

10 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
12 "§1302-A." in subsection 6 by inserting at the end the following:

14 'It is a valid defense to a violation of subsection 1 if the
licensee establishes the following:

16 A. The licensee was in possession of a notarized letter
18 containing all the specified information as required by
subsection 2 at the time the licensee was cited for a
violation of subsection 1;

20 B. The facts alleged in the notarized letter as required by
22 subsection 2 were true at the time the licensee was cited;
and

24 C. The licensee was en route to or from the activity or
26 employment authorized by the letter pursuant to subsection
2.'

28 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
30 "§1302-A." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

32 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
34 statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

36 The additional costs associated with implementing an
38 intermediate license for minors can be absorbed by the Bureau of
40 Motor Vehicles within the Department of the Secretary of State
utilizing existing budgeted resources.

42 This bill establishes a new traffic infraction. The
44 additional workload and administrative costs associated with the
minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be
absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
46 Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This amendment replaces the waiver system for nighttime
restriction of drivers with intermediate licenses with an
8 exemption that uses a notarized letter to authorize operation
during curfew hours. It specifies the content of the letter.
The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.