

HB 231 -- Temporary Instruction Driving Permits

Sponsor: Sommer

This bill changes the laws regarding the issuance of a temporary instruction driving permit by requiring the person accompanying the holder of the permit to be free from the effects of alcohol and drugs that would cause impaired judgment in addition to the current requirements that he or she is a licensed operator for the type of motor vehicle being operated who is actually occupying a seat besides the driver for the purpose of giving instruction and who is at least 21 years of age.

The bill lowers, from at least 25 years of age to at least 21 years of age, the required age of a person who is authorized to occupy the seat beside a driver under 16 years of age who is not the grandparent, parent, or guardian of the driver. The person must still have been licensed for a minimum of three years and have received written permission from the parent or legal guardian to escort or accompany the driver. The name of any person receiving written permission must be kept in the vehicle with the driver in the form of a notarized statement by the parent or legal guardian.