

HB 2087 -- JUVENILE DRIVER'S LICENSES

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This bill requires the revocation or suspension of intermediate driver's licenses when a juvenile is cited for a high risk traffic offense. Such offenses are specified in the bill and include speeding, leaving the scene of an accident, certain types of careless and imprudent driving, and the endangerment of specified highway workers and emergency responders. The revocation or suspension may be challenged at an administrative hearing where full evidence of the circumstances involving the citation is allowed. However, the ultimate disposition of criminal charges involving the occurrence is not binding on the administrative process. Only officers licensed by the Department of Public Safety under Chapter 590, RSMo, shall issue reports of citations triggering the revocation or suspension requirements of the bill to the Department of Revenue. The content of such reports is specified in the bill and they are made under penalty of perjury.

The process for taking possession of a regular license and issuing a 15-day temporary permit, and providing notice of hearing to a juvenile cited for a high risk offense is specified in the bill. The process for requesting and holding a hearing is specified in the bill and the burden of proof is on the state to show by preponderance of the evidence that a vehicle was driven in a high risk manner described in the citation.