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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AB 128

I would like to ask for an amendment to this bill for the following reasons:

The department had many questions as to age, restrictions, duration and such, so I propose that Section 1 paragraph 1 read: The Department shall "Establish Regulations for the issuance of a driver's license ----". This will allow the department to work through these questions.

The idea behind this license is to see if a person possesses the ability to hold this license. Therefore I propose that wherever this bill refers to "course", the wording should be changed to read, "practical test". (The department themselves do not require a course to get a driver's license, except for teenagers. They only require a test.) This way if a person already has the skill, he can pass the test and qualify. If a person must take instruction, he may, but there would not be a defined course as it would depend on what that particular person would require to get to the right skill level. It is also my opinion that there are very few people that will be able to pass the test for this license without some formal instruction. Additionally, when a course is required, a person gets the idea that they should receive the license just because they completed the course, even though they cannot pass the test. This makes it very hard on the driving school giving the test to explain to the student that they do not posses the ability to qualify for this license. One last thing: the department, seeing the requirement for a course, is likely to require some form of a classroom course for a set amount of hours. This would not advance a driver's ability to pass a practical test in the simulator and would be a waste of time for the student. Therefore I request that just a practical test in the simulator be required

The LCB left out one very important requirement for a simulator in teaching defensive driving as a defensive driver must know what is going on to the sides of his car. Therefore, in Section 1, Paragraph 3 (b) we should add "which has at least a 190-degree panoramic field of view".

One Assemblyperson questioned a requirement of requiring the Department to encourage insurers do give a discount, therefore I propose we change Section 1, Paragraph 4 to "may" instead of shall.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION

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