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HOUSE BILL 2118

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1            AN ACT Relating to modifying penalties for violating conditions of  
2 an intermediate driver's license; amending RCW 46.20.267; and creating  
3 a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that two-thirds of  
6 teen passenger deaths occur when another teen is driving. The  
7 legislature finds that states with teenage driver restrictions  
8 experience a decrease in teenage car crashes. The legislature further  
9 finds that teenagers are often distracted when other teens are in the  
10 vehicle. The purpose of this act is to reduce vehicle collisions by  
11 providing penalties for the number of teenage passengers in a vehicle  
12 with a teenage driver.

13            **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.267 and 2000 c 115 s 3 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15            (1) If a person issued an intermediate license is convicted of or  
16 found to have committed a traffic offense described in chapter 46.61  
17 RCW or violated restrictions placed on an intermediate license under  
18 RCW 46.20.075:

1       ~~((1))~~ (a) On the first such conviction or finding, the  
2       ~~((department shall mail the parent or guardian of the person a letter~~  
3       ~~warning the person of the provisions of this section))~~ person shall  
4       receive a traffic infraction and the department shall suspend the  
5       person's intermediate license for a period of six months or until the  
6       person reaches eighteen years of age, whichever occurs first, and mail  
7       the parent or guardian of the person a notification of the suspension;

8       ~~((2))~~ (b) On the second such conviction or finding, the  
9       department shall suspend the person's intermediate ~~((driver's))~~ license  
10      for a period of six months or until the person reaches eighteen years  
11      of age, whichever occurs first, and mail the parent or guardian of the  
12      person a notification of the suspension;

13      ~~((3))~~ (c) On the third such conviction or finding, the department  
14      shall suspend the person's intermediate ~~((driver's))~~ license until the  
15      person reaches eighteen years of age, and mail the parent or guardian  
16      of the person a notification of the suspension.

17      (2) If a person issued an intermediate license is a passenger in a  
18      vehicle operated by a person issued an intermediate license who is  
19      convicted of or found to have committed a traffic offense described in  
20      chapter 46.61 RCW or violated restrictions placed on an intermediate  
21      license under RCW 46.20.075 and there are no members of the driver's  
22      immediate family age twenty-one or older in the vehicle, the department  
23      shall:

24      (a) On the first such occasion, suspend that person's intermediate  
25      license for a period of six months or until the person reaches eighteen  
26      years of age, whichever occurs first, and mail the parent or guardian  
27      of the person a notification of the suspension;

28      (b) On the second such occasion, suspend the person's intermediate  
29      license for a period of six months or until the person reaches eighteen  
30      years of age, whichever occurs first, and mail the parent or guardian  
31      of the person a notification of the suspension;

32      (c) On the third such occasion, suspend the person's intermediate  
33      license until the person reaches eighteen years of age, and mail the  
34      parent or guardian of the person a notification of the suspension.

35      (3) For the purposes of this section, "immediate family" includes  
36      the spouse, parents, brother, sister, half brother, half sister,  
37      stepbrother, or stepsister.

1        (4) For the purposes of this section, a single ticket for one or  
2 more traffic offenses constitutes a single traffic offense.

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