

LINDA LINGLE

GOV. MSG. NO. **581** 

May 2, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 003 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 2, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2747 HD2 SD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING. (ACT 61)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor on MAY 2 2006

**ACT** 061

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006 STATE OF HAWAII H.B. NO. H.D. 2 S.D. 1

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the examiner of
2	drivers requires a road test for most driver's license
3	applicants that measures an applicant's functional ability to
4	safely operate a motor vehicle. Applicants with disabilities
5	whose driving privilege is under review may not have a valid
6	license or instruction permit after failing this road test on
7	their first attempt.
8	The purpose of this Act is to allow the examiner of drivers
9	to issue an instruction permit to an applicant with a disability
10	who completed a medical review with this State, and as a
11	condition to licensure, must pass a road test, but has failed on
12	the applicant's first attempt.
13	SECTION 2. Section 286-110, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14	amended to read as follows:
15	"\$286-110 Instruction permits. (a) Any person aged
16	fifteen years and six months or more who, except for the
17	person's lack of instruction in operating a motor vehicle, would

be qualified to obtain a driver's license issued under this part

may apply for a temporary instruction permit at the office of 1 2 the examiner of drivers in the county in which the applicant resides; provided that the applicant complies with section 3 4 286-102.5. The examiner of drivers shall examine every applicant 5 for an instruction permit. The examination shall include tests 6 7 of the applicant's: 8 Eyesight and other physical or mental capabilities to 9 determine if the applicant is capable of operating a 10 motor vehicle; 11 (2) Understanding of highway signs regulating, warning, 12 and directing traffic; and 13 (3) Knowledge of the traffic laws, ordinances, or 14 regulations of the State and the county where the 15 applicant resides or intends to operate a motor 16 vehicle. 17 (c) If the examiner of drivers is satisfied that the 18 applicant is qualified to receive an instruction permit, the examiner of drivers shall issue the permit entitling the 19 20 applicant, while having the permit in the applicant's immediate

possession, to drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a

period of one year; provided that an applicant who is registered

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- 1 in a driver training course shall be issued a temporary
- 2 instruction permit for the duration of the course and the
- 3 termination date of the course shall be entered on the permit.
- 4 A person who is not licensed to operate the category of motor
- 5 vehicles to which the driving training course applies shall not
- 6 operate a motor vehicle in connection with the driving training
- 7 course without a valid temporary instruction permit.
- 8 (d) Except when operating a motor scooter or motorcycle,
- 9 the holder of an instruction permit shall be accompanied by a
- 10 person who is twenty-one years of age or older and licensed to
- 11 operate the category of motor vehicles in which the motor
- 12 vehicle that is being operated belongs. The licensed person
- 13 shall occupy a passenger seat beside the permit holder while the
- 14 motor vehicle is being operated; provided that if the holder of
- 15 the instruction permit is under the age of eighteen years and is
- 16 driving between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.:
- 17 (1) A licensed driver who is the permit holder's parent or
- guardian shall occupy a passenger seat beside the
- driver while the motor vehicle is operated, unless the
- permit holder is an emancipated minor;
- 21 (2) The licensed driver shall be licensed to operate the
- same category of motor vehicles as the motor vehicle

1	being operated by the holder of the instruction
2	permit; and
3	(3) All occupants of the motor vehicle shall be restrained
4	by a seat belt assembly or a child passenger safety
5	restraint system as required under sections 291-11.5
6	and 291-11.6, notwithstanding any other law to the
7	contrary.
8	(e) No holder of a temporary instruction permit shall
9	operate a motorcycle or a motor scooter during hours of darkness
10	or carry any passengers.
11	(f) No holder of a category 1 or 2 temporary instruction
12	permit shall have the permit renewed, nor shall the holder be
13	issued another temporary instruction permit for the same
14	purpose, unless the holder has taken the examination for a
15	category 1 or 2 license at least once prior to the expiration of
16	the temporary instruction permit. If the holder of a temporary
17	instruction permit fails to meet the requirements of this
18	section, the holder shall not be permitted to apply for another
19	category 1 or 2 temporary instruction permit for a period of
20	three months. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the right
21	and privilege of any holder of a category 1 or 2 temporary
22	instruction permit to obtain a temporary instruction permit or

- driver's license for the operation of any other type of motor 1 vehicle. 2 The examiner of drivers may accept an application for 3 renewal of an instruction permit no more than thirty days prior to or ninety days after the expiration date of the instruction 5 permit, whereupon the applicant for renewal of an instruction permit shall be exempt from subsection (b) (2) and [\(\frac{(b)}{2}\)](3). If 7 an application for renewal of an instruction permit is not made 8 within ninety days after the expiration date of the permit, the 9 applicant shall be treated as applying for a new instruction **10** permit and examined in accordance with subsection (b). 11
- (h) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the 12 examiner of drivers may issue an instruction permit to an 13 applicant with a disability who has completed a medical review 14 with this State, and as a condition to licensure is required to 15 pass a road test, but has failed the road test on the 16 applicant's first attempt. The instruction permit issued under 17 this subsection may be renewed no more than thirty days prior to 18 19 or ninety days after the expiration date of the instruction permit upon receiving an updated medical report. Subsections 20 (b) (2) and (3) shall not apply to the issuance or renewal of an 21

instruction permit issued under this subsection.

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- 1 For the purposes of this subsection, "applicant with a
- 2 disability" means an applicant who the examiner of drivers has
- 3 reasonable cause to believe may have a mental or physical
- 4 infirmity or disability that would make it unsafe to operate a
- 5 motor vehicle pursuant to section 286-119 and has been medically
- 6 evaluated by the medical advisory board established pursuant to
- 7 section 286-4.1."
- 8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 2 day of MAY ..., 2006

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

## THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 17, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

Calvin K.Y. Say

Speaker

House of Representatives

Patricia Mau-Shimizu Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

H.B. No. 2747, H.D. 2, S.D. 1

## THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 11, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

President of the Senate

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