

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 382

Legislative Action:

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Referred to Committee: House Natural Resources & Transportation Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SET THE MINIMUM DRIVER'S
2 LICENCE AGE AT 18, AND CREATE LICENSES FOR RURAL CHILDREN UNDER 18,
3 AMMENDING 61-5-105 OF MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED.
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5 Whereas, most teenagers are very reckless drivers.
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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
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9 **Section 1.** Definitions: "Rural" Of or relating to people who live in the country.
10 "Country" Rural districts, including farmland, parkland, and other sparsely populated areas,
11 as opposed to cities or towns.

12 **Section 2. Who may not be licensed.** The department may not issue a license under this
13 chapter to a person:

- 14 (1) who is under ~~16~~18 years of age unless:
- 15 (a) the person is at least ~~15~~ 17 years of age and has passed a driver's education course
16 approved by the department and the superintendent of public instruction; or
- 17 (b) the person is at least 13 years of age and, because of individual hardship, to be determined
18 by the department, needs a restricted license;

19 **Section 3.** (1) Children between the ages of 14 and 17, who are considered residents of a rural
20 area, may apply for a rural license.

21 (2) This rural license will limit the child to driving in rural areas only. This does not include
22 highways.

23 (3) The child must apply for the license at the nearest Driver's License Bureau with a parent to
24 confirm the child's ability to drive on rural roads.

25 (4) No drivers test is needed to receive a rural driver's license. It is the responsibility of the
26 child's parents to judge the driving abilities of their child on rural roads.

27 **Section 4.** (1) Anyone who has taken a drivers education class by the effective date will be
28 able to receive their full license once they have passed the class.

29 (2) Any child who has already received their license will not lose their right to drive.

30 **Section 5.** The punishments for underage driving will not be changed by this bill.

31 **Section 6.** All other provisions of Montana Code Annotated 61-5-105 will not be changed by
32 this bill.

33 **Section 7.** This bill will become effective on January 1, 2008.
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