

HOUSE BILL No. 4862

April 29, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Agema, Elsenheimer, Pearce, Tyler, Green, Kowall, Marleau, Walsh, Kurtz, Calley, McMillin, Rick Jones and Proos and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 384, entitled
"Driver education provider and instructor act,"
by amending section 23 (MCL 256.643).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 23. (1) A college or university or a person approved by
2 the secretary of state may present a driver education instructor
3 preparation program. A college, university, or person shall not
4 offer to engage or engage in the activity of presenting a driver
5 education instructor preparation program without the prior approval
6 of the secretary of state.

7 (2) A college, university, or person may apply to the
8 secretary of state for approval to conduct a driver education
9 instructor preparation program. A college, university, or person

1 seeking approval shall present satisfactory evidence to the
2 secretary of state as prescribed by the secretary of state that the
3 college's, university's, or person's proposed program meets the
4 requirements of this section.

5 (3) The secretary of state shall review and approve a driver
6 education instructor preparation program that meets the
7 requirements of this section. The secretary of state shall give the
8 college, university, or person requesting approval a written notice
9 of the secretary of state's approval or denial, including the
10 reason for any denial.

11 (4) The secretary of state shall prepare a driver education
12 instructor preparation program guide as a model for how to conduct
13 a driver education instructor preparation program. The model
14 program guide shall identify the content of each course identified
15 in subsection (7).

16 (5) Beginning September 1, 2007, a driver education instructor
17 preparation program shall consist of not less than 4 driver
18 education preparation courses.

19 (6) A college, university, or person seeking approval of a
20 driver education instructor preparation course shall present
21 evidence satisfactory to the secretary of state that the proposed
22 course meets the requirements of this section. The secretary of
23 state shall review a driver education instructor preparation course
24 and determine whether that course meets the requirements of this
25 act. The secretary of state shall prescribe the administration and
26 curriculum of a driver education instructor preparation course. The
27 secretary of state shall give the college, university, or person

1 requesting approval written notice of the secretary of state's
2 approval or denial, including the reason for any denial.

3 (7) A driver education instructor preparation program shall
4 consist of not less than 4 driver education instructor preparation
5 courses. The 4 required courses shall each concentrate on only 1 of
6 the following concepts, and all of the following concepts shall be
7 covered in the minimum 4 courses required:

8 (a) Driver task analysis.

9 (b) Developing classroom and program knowledge.

10 (c) Developing vehicle operation skills.

11 (d) Practicum.

12 (8) A driver education instructor preparation course shall
13 consist of not less than 2 semester hours per course or the
14 equivalent of not less than 2 semester hours per course as approved
15 by the secretary of state. ~~A driver education instructor~~
16 ~~preparation course shall extend for not less than 3 weeks.~~

17 (9) An instructor who teaches a driver education instructor
18 preparation course shall meet the following requirements:

19 (a) Have a master's degree in education from an accredited
20 college or university.

21 (b) Hold a valid driver education instructor certificate
22 issued by the secretary of state.

23 (c) Any other requirement the secretary of state determines is
24 necessary to determine instructor qualifications.

25 (10) A college, university, or person approved by the
26 secretary of state that offers a driver education instructor
27 preparation course shall include in the course registration

1 material information explaining the driver education instructor
2 qualifications required under this act.

3 (11) The secretary of state shall review each driver education
4 instructor preparation program approved under this section at least
5 once every 3 years.

6 (12) A driver education preparation course credit earned
7 through a college, university, or another entity in another state
8 may be accepted on the same basis as the equivalent credit earned
9 through a driver education instructor preparation program conducted
10 by a college or university or by a person approved by the secretary
11 of state, if approved by the secretary of state. A person seeking
12 approval of a driver education course credit earned in another
13 state shall present satisfactory evidence to the secretary of state
14 that the other state's course substantially meets the requirements
15 of this state. The secretary of state shall review a driver
16 education preparation course credit earned in another state and
17 determine whether that course content meets the requirements of
18 this act. The secretary of state shall give the person a written
19 notice of the secretary of state's approval or denial, including
20 the reason for any denial.

21 (13) This section does not apply to an applicant for a driver
22 education instructor certificate that is limited to the truck
23 driver training classification.