

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation will allow issuance of the driver training instruction permit to people 14 1/2 years of age and older. Currently, driver training instruction permits may only be issued to people 14 1/2 to 17 years of age (the permit is retained by the instructor). If a person 17 years of age or older wants to take driver training they must be issued a Class D instruction permit. However, Class D instruction permits may only be issued AFTER the applicant passes the Idaho knowledge test. People who have reading or learning challenges have substantial difficulty passing the knowledge test without first obtaining classroom instruction. Allowing people 14 1/2 years of age or older to be issued a driver training instruction permit will enable people who have reading or learning challenges to obtain the information necessary to pass the knowledge test after completion of driver training. This legislation also corrects the identity document requirements in sections 49-305 and 49-306, Idaho Code, so these two sections are congruent with regard to the issuance of driver training instruction permits, Class D instruction permits and drivers licenses.

FISCAL NOTE

The fee for either the driver training instruction permit or the Class D instruction permit is currently \$15.00. There is no impact to the customer. If the bill passes, the department will incur minor programming costs that will be covered in the current appropriation. There is no fiscal impact if the bill fails.

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