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2022 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1208-FN***

AN ACT relative to driver education.

SPONSORS: Rep. Lang, Belk. 4; Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. Aron, Sull. 7; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 4; Rep. Hough, Belk. 3; Rep. Greene, Hills. 37; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 10; Rep. Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes a waiver of the driver education requirement if a father, mother, guardian, or other responsible adult provides equivalent classroom instruction and behind the wheel training.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Youth Operators' License; Eligibility. Amend RSA 263:14, II(a) to read as follows:

II.(a) The director shall issue a youth operator's license to applicants who are 16 years of age or older and under 21 years of age. The youth operator license shall expire on the 21st anniversary of the applicant's date of birth. In addition to any other requirements established by law, no such license shall be issued to applicants under 18 years of age unless the applicant meets the requirements of RSA 263:17 or furnishes written consent from the applicant's parent or legal guardian and ***either*** a certificate of successful completion of a driver education course as provided in RSA 263:19 ***or a waiver as provided in RSA 263:19, V***.

2 New Paragraph; Driver Education; Waiver. Amend RSA 263:19 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. The commissioner shall waive the driver education course requirement if a father, mother, or guardian of the applicant, or in the event there is no parent or guardian, another responsible adult, submits in writing that the father, mother, or guardian of the applicant, or in the event there is no parent or guardian, another responsible adult, who has a valid New Hampshire driver's license, has provided for instruction, either in person or online, and 40 hours of behind the wheel training.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 1208-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] County [ ] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
STATE:	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**
Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Funding Source:	[ ] General [ ] Education [ ] Highway [X] Other - Restricted - Driver Education Fund			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill authorizes a person under the age of 18 to request a waiver of completion of a formalized driver education school. Currently, the Division of Motor Vehicles has one staff member responsible for overseeing the driver education program. This waiver process would require the addition of one part-time employee to ensure a timely review and response. The addition of one part-time Program Assistant I position (labor grade 15) will cost approximately $25,000 annually in salary and related costs.

It is assumed any fiscal impact would occur after FY 2022.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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