

GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE AMENDMENTS

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Robert F. Montgomery

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY; PROVIDING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS FOR YOUNG DRIVERS; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

41-8-3, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-8-3** is enacted to read:

41-8-3. Operation of vehicle by persons under 16 and six months -- Passenger limitations -- Exceptions -- Penalties.

(1) In addition to the provisions of Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, a person younger than 16 years and six months of age, whether resident or nonresident of this state, may not operate a motor vehicle upon any highway of this state with any passenger who is not an immediate family member of the driver.

(2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under Subsection (1) that the person is operating a motor vehicle:

(a) accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age who is occupying a seat next to the driver;

h (b) FOR THE DRIVER'S EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING THE TRIP TO AND FROM THE DRIVER'S RESIDENCE AND THE DRIVER'S EMPLOYMENT;

(c) TO AND FROM THE DRIVER'S RELIGION-SPONSORED ACTIVITY OR OWN SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY AND THE DRIVER'S RESIDENCE;

(d) ON ASSIGNMENT OF A FARMER OR RANCHER AND THE DRIVER IS ENGAGED IN AN AGRICULTURAL OPERATION; h or

h [(b)] (e) h in an emergency.

(3) In addition to any penalties imposed under Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, a violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This act takes effect on July 1, 2000.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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