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**PASSENGER LIMITATIONS FOR YOUNG
DRIVERS**

2001 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Karen Hale

This act modifies the Motor Vehicle Code to provide passenger limitations for certain young drivers. This act takes effect July 1, 2001.

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, 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 until the earlier of:

(a) six months from the date the person's driver license was issued; or

(b) the person reaches 17 years of age.

(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; or

(b) 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.

28 Section 2. **Effective date.**
29 This act takes effect on July 1, 2001.

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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