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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Driver education course completion-learner's permit age-eliminate waiting period)

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LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 13

Bill No. S768

Sponsor(s) Maressa and Foran

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Committee: Assembly Transportation & Communications

Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense

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Sponsor's statement:

This bill eliminates the waiting period for practice driving which may occur between the early completion of a driver education course by the holder of a special learner's permit and his attainment of the age of 16 years and 6 months.

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SENATE, No. 768

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED JANUARY 30, 1978

By Senators MARESSA and FORAN

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning motor vehicle driver special learners' permits  
and amending P. L. 1977, c. 25, s. 6 (C. 39:3-13. 2a).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 6 of P. L. 1977, c. 25 (C. 39:3-13. 2a) is amended.

2 6. Any person to whom a special learner's permit has been issued  
3 pursuant to section 1 of P. L. 1950, c. 127 (C. 39:3-13.1), upon  
4 attaining 16 years and 6 months of age, *or upon successful com-*  
5 *pletion prior thereto of a behind-the-wheel driving course con-*  
6 *ducted by a licensed drivers' school or of a public, parochial or*  
7 *private school driving education course*, shall be entitled to retain  
8 the special learner's permit in his own possession. Such person  
9 may operate a motor vehicle of the class for which a basic driver's  
10 license is required during the hours between sunrise and sunset  
11 while in the company and under the control of a licensed motor  
12 vehicle driver of this State who has had at least 3 years' experience  
13 as a licensed motor vehicle driver. Such special permit shall be  
14 valid for 90 days after such person's seventeenth birthday or until  
15 the completion of the road test portion of his license examination,  
16 whichever period is shorter.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill eliminates the waiting period for practice driving which may occur between the early completion of a driver education course by the holder of a special learner's permit and his attainment of the age of 16 years and 6 months.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 768**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: NOVEMBER 20, 1978

Present law provides that a person may obtain a special learner's permit at age 16 for use in conjunction with a behind-the-wheel driving course by a licensed drivers' school or in a driver education program, and that at age 16½ the person may retain possession of the permit and drive between sunrise and sunset with a licensed driver of this State with at least 3 years' experience as a licensed driver. At age 17 such a person may take the test for an operator's license. The rationale behind the law is that a young person receives gradually diminishing degrees of supervision and control while fitting himself to become a driver. For those who finish the drivers' school or driver education course before reaching 16½, however, a break occurs in the learning process. This bill would eliminate the waiting period for practice driving which may occur between the early completion of a driver education course by the holder of a special learner's permit and his attainment of the age of 16½.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 768**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: MAY 4, 1978

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