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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve the minimum requirements for the State graduated driver licensing incentive grant program.

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To authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR

Viz:

- 1 On page 230, after line 22, add the following:
- 2 **SEC. 4134. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE GRAD-**
- 3 **UATED DRIVER LICENSING INCENTIVE**
- 4 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 Section 405(g)(2) of title 23, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “21” and
8 inserting “18”; and

9 (2) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as
10 follows:

1 “(B) LICENSING PROCESS.—A State is in
2 compliance with the 2-stage licensing process
3 described in this subparagraph if the State’s
4 driver’s license laws include—

5 “(i) a learner’s permit stage that—

6 “(I) is at least 6 months in dura-
7 tion;

8 “(II) contains a prohibition on
9 the driver using a personal wireless
10 communications device (as defined in
11 subsection (e)) while driving except
12 under an exception permitted under
13 paragraph (4) of that subsection, and
14 makes a violation of the prohibition a
15 primary offense;

16 “(III) requires applicants to suc-
17 cessfully pass a vision and knowledge
18 assessment prior to receiving a learn-
19 er’s permit;

20 “(IV) requires that the driver be
21 accompanied and supervised at all
22 times while the driver is operating a
23 motor vehicle by a licensed driver who
24 is at least 21 years of age or is a
25 State-certified driving instructor;

1 “(V) has a requirement that the
2 driver—

3 “(aa) complete a State-cer-
4 tified driver education or training
5 course; or

6 “(bb) obtain at least 50
7 hours of behind-the-wheel train-
8 ing, with at least 10 hours at
9 night, with a licensed driver;

10 “(VI) remains in effect until the
11 driver—

12 “(aa) reaches 16 years of
13 age and enters the intermediate
14 stage; or

15 “(bb) reaches 18 years of
16 age;

17 “(ii) an intermediate stage that—

18 “(I) commences immediately
19 after the expiration of the learner’s
20 permit stage and successful comple-
21 tion of a driving skills assessment;

22 “(II) is at least 6 months in du-
23 ration;

24 “(III) prohibits the driver from
25 using a personal wireless communica-

1 tions device (as defined in subsection
2 (e)) while driving except under an ex-
3 ception permitted under paragraph
4 (4) of that subsection, and makes a
5 violation of the prohibition a primary
6 offense;

7 “(IV) for the first 6 month of the
8 intermediate stage, restricts driving at
9 night between the hours of 10:00 p.m.
10 and 5:00 a.m. when not supervised by
11 a licensed driver 21 years of age or
12 older, excluding transportation to
13 work, school, religious activities, or
14 emergencies;

15 “(V) prohibits the driver from
16 operating a motor vehicle with more
17 than 1 nonfamilial passenger younger
18 than 21 years of age unless a licensed
19 driver who is at least 21 years of age
20 is in the motor vehicle; and

21 “(VI) remains in effect until the
22 driver reaches 17 years of age; and

23 “(iii) a learner’s permit and inter-
24 mediate stage that require, in addition to
25 any other penalties imposed by State law,

1 the granting of an unrestricted driver's li-
2 cense be automatically delayed for any in-
3 dividual who, during the learner's permit
4 or intermediate stage, is convicted of a
5 driving-related offense during the first 6
6 months, including—

- 7 “(I) driving while intoxicated;
- 8 “(II) misrepresentation of the in-
9 dividual's age;
- 10 “(III) reckless driving;
- 11 “(IV) driving without wearing a
12 seat belt;
- 13 “(V) speeding; or
- 14 “(VI) any other driving-related
15 offense, as determined by the Sec-
16 retary.”.

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