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Fine Highlights Legislation Aimed Improving Road Safety

GLENVIEW, IL – To make Illinois roads safer and protect residents, legislation supported by state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) requiring increased on-line training for individuals from 18 to 21 years old was recently signed into law.

“Everyone on our roads should have to go through the proper training before they can get behind the wheel,” Fine said. “This new law establishes a way to ensure that all young adults are receiving basic instructions and safety training before hitting the road.”

Currently, Illinois has a graduated-driver’s licenses for individuals under the age of 18. This program requires that new drivers participate in a driver’s education course, complete a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, and pass vision and written exams. If under the age of 18 when they receive their driver’s license, they also must follow additional driving restrictions, such as curfews and limited passengers.

Some young people bypass the graduated driver’s license program by obtaining a license after reaching the age of 18. House Bill 772 will require young people between the ages of 18 and 20, who are applying for the driver’s license for the first time, to complete an on-line driver’s education course. This six-hour course will include information on traffic laws, highway signs, and other common issues that are experienced while driving.

“Drivers and passengers are safer when everyone knows the rules of the road,” Fine said. “By extending the graduated driver’s license program to include additional young adults, more people will have the knowledge they need to be better and safer drivers.”

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