

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

CHAPTER 685

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-324.1, relating to requirements for obtaining a driver's license.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-324.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-324.1. Requirements for initial licensure of certain applicants.

No driver's license shall be issued to any applicant unless he either (i) provides written evidence of having satisfactorily completed a course of driver instruction at a commercial driver training school licensed under Chapter 17 (§ 46.2-1700 et seq.) of this title or a comparable course approved by the Department or Department of Education or (ii) has held a learner's permit issued by the Department for at least thirty days prior to his first behind-the-wheel examination by the Department.

The provisions of this section shall only apply to persons who are at least 19 years old and who either (i) have never held a driver's license issued by Virginia or any other state or territory of the United States or foreign country with which the Commissioner has established reciprocal driver's licensing privileges or (ii) have never been licensed or held the license endorsement or classification required to operate the type of vehicle which they now propose to operate. The provisions of this section shall apply to applicants for commercial driver's licenses who have never before held a commercial driver's license.