



H.B. 54

125th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

**Reps. Collier, Aslanides, DeWine, Young, S. Patton, Allen, Schlichter,
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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires a sticker or banner that reads "student driver" to be issued whenever a temporary instruction permit is issued.
- Permits, but does not require, the sticker or banner to be displayed on a motor vehicle whenever it is being operated by a temporary instruction permit holder.
- Increases the fee for a temporary instruction permit from \$4 to \$5.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Student driver" sticker or banner

The bill provides that when the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a deputy registrar issues a temporary instruction permit to an applicant, the applicant also must be issued a sticker or banner that reads "student driver." Under the bill, when a temporary instruction permit holder operates a motor vehicle, the sticker or banner may be displayed on the vehicle to inform other vehicle operators that a temporary instruction permit holder is driving, but such display is *not* required.¹

If the sticker or banner is displayed, it may be displayed on a motor vehicle's side window, rear window, or, with one exception, front windshield. The sticker or banner may not be displayed in the front windshield in such a manner as to conceal the vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle if that number is

¹ R.C. 4513.24 generally prohibits the display of signs in vehicle windows except that signs or decals not exceeding 4" x 6" may be displayed in the lower corner of a windshield. The bill makes displaying the "student driver" sticker or banner an exception to this general prohibition.

located inside the vehicle passenger compartment and is placed so as to be readable from outside the motor vehicle through the front windshield.

While the Registrar must determine the size of the sticker or banner, which cannot exceed four inches in height by twelve inches in length, and the material and all other properties of the sticker or banner, the material that is selected must be such that the sticker or banner can be transferred readily from one motor vehicle to another. (R.C. 4507.232.)

Temporary instruction permit fee

The bill increases the fee for a temporary instruction permit from \$4 to \$5, presumably to cover the cost of the new sticker or banner. (R.C. 4507.23(A).) (See COMMENT.)

COMMENT

The bill's \$1 fee increase may be for the purpose of covering the cost of the new sticker or banner. Since the bill was introduced, Am. Sub. H.B. 87 of the 125th General Assembly, the Transportation Budget Bill, was signed into law. That act increased the cost of a temporary instruction permit from \$4 to \$16.

HISTORY

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