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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1024

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

February 26, 2015

An act to add Section 11102.6 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1024, as amended, Beth Gaines. Driving schools.

Existing law requires a person who is licensed as a driving school operator by the Department of Motor Vehicles to meet specified requirements, and provides for disciplinary action against those licensees who commit certain acts. Existing law specifies certain requirements that a driving school operator must satisfy, including, among others, passing an examination, within 3 attempts, on traffic laws, safe driving practices, the operation of motor vehicles, and other topics. Existing law requires the operator to have worked as a driving instructor for a specified number of hours, as provided.

This bill would require driving school operators who are first licensed on or after July 1, 2016, and who ~~operate Internet driving schools with~~ offer no behind-the-wheel driver training, to successfully complete ~~an 8-hour~~ a 60-hour educational program acceptable to the department with specified content, including operator responsibilities and current laws, instead of meeting the requirement of having worked as a driving instructor for a specified number of hours.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11102.6 is added to the Vehicle Code,
2 to read:
3 11102.6. (a) Notwithstanding Section 11102.5, a driving school
4 operator who is first licensed to operate a driving school on or
5 after July 1, 2016, ~~whose sole method of instruction is~~
6 ~~Internet-based driver education,~~ and who offers no
7 behind-the-wheel driver training, shall meet all of the following
8 requirements:
9 (1) Within three attempts, pass an examination that the
10 department requires on traffic laws, safe driving practices,
11 operation of motor vehicles, teaching methods and techniques,
12 driving school statutes and regulations, and office procedures and
13 recordkeeping.
14 (2) Pay the department a fee for each examination taken, not to
15 exceed the reasonable cost of administering the examination.
16 (3) Be 21 years of age or older.
17 (4) Have successfully completed an educational program of not
18 less than ~~eight~~ 60 hours that is acceptable to the department. *The*
19 *program shall include a minimum of 40 hours of classroom*
20 *instruction and 20 hours of behind the wheel instruction.* The
21 program shall include, but not be limited to, driving school operator
22 responsibilities, current vehicle laws, and regulations in Article
23 4.6 of Chapter 1 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations.
24 The instruction may be provided by generally accredited
25 educational institutions, private vocational schools, and education
26 programs and seminars offered by professional societies,
27 organizations, trade associations, and other educational and
28 technical programs that meet the requirements of this section.
29 (b) The qualifying requirements referred to in this section shall
30 be met within one year from the date of application for a license,
31 or a new application, examination, and a fee for the examination
32 not to exceed the reasonable cost of administering the examination
33 shall be required.

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