

Licensing Requirements for the Risky Driver

A Nationwide Survey

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INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes survey results obtained from a study on high-risk drivers conducted by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) of the State of Maryland. The survey objective was to obtain information on current and proposed licensing and renewal policies of MVAs across the United States, and their effectiveness in identifying and mitigating high-risk driving behavior. The survey was distributed to the various states via mail. The District of Columbia and all states, excluding Alaska, California, Delaware and Wisconsin responded to the survey. The survey questionnaire consisted of 14 multiple choice questions and one question that asked for information such as brochures, manuals, and study reports that were used for identifying, testing, and retraining and counseling suspected impaired drivers. Tables 1 through 13 are based on data obtained from the survey. Tables 14 through 21 provide information from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). The data, from 1995, is IIHS's most recent.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME DRIVERS

Table 1 lists the minimum driving ages for various states. According to the data, the average minimum driving age is 16 years. However, the following states accept 14 years of age as the minimum, with restrictions placed upon the individual: Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota. Montana accepts 13 years as its minimum driving age in cases of hardship.

Table 2 refers to requirements for first-time teenage drivers. All survey respondents require first-time teenage drivers take a written, road and visual test. Some states require Driver's Education classes along with the written, road and visual tests.

Table 3 refers to requirements for first-time adult drivers. All respondents require the first-time adult driver to take a written, road, and visual test.

REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE DRIVERS

Table 4 refers to requirements for out-of-state teenage drivers while Table 5 refers to those for out-of-state adult drivers. All responding states require the out-of-state teenager and adult to take a visual examination. However, South Dakota allows both out-of-state teenagers and adults to transfer their previous license with no testing.

RENEWAL AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Table 6 refers to the time period in which a new non-commercial driver's license is valid. A majority of the states adhere to a four-year policy. However, individuals who are 21 to 67 years of age in Montana have an eight-year period in which their license is valid.

Table 7 refers to the time period in which a renewed non-commercial driver's license is valid. The majority of the states adhere to a four-year policy while Montana has an eight-year policy.

Table 8 refers to requirements needed to renew a non-commercial driver's license. Of the respondents, 29 require just the visual examination. Illinois, Indiana, and Nevada are the only states that require the written, road, and visual examinations.

LICENSING AND RE-LICENSING PROGRAMS

Table 9 refers to licensing and re-licensing programs for good drivers. Of the states, 12 have licensing and/or re-licensing programs for such drivers. These programs basically consisted of mail renewal programs.

Table 10 refers to licensing and re-licensing programs for teenagers. A majority of the states did not have licensing/re-licensing programs for teenagers. However, Nebraska waives the written examination if the individual does not have any violations.

Table 11 refers to licensing and re-licensing programs for the elderly. Tennessee and Texas allow individuals to renew via mail if they have not had violations, while Nebraska waives the written test for elderly persons who have not had any violations.

Table 12 refers to licensing and re-licensing programs for substance abusers. Of the respondents, 22 do not have licensing/re-licensing programs for substance abusers. States that did implement programs had DWI programs, counseling, and retraining.

Table 13 documents states which have the capability to identify high-risk drivers. Those states, which responded affirmatively, identify high-risk drivers by means of a point system.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The following information is based on 1995 IIHS information. This data is documented in Tables 14 through 21. Table 14 refers to the term in which a learner's permit becomes invalid. Arkansas and Delaware have the shortest time period, consisting of sixty days. Florida has the longest time period, consisting of six years.

Table 15 documents the minimum required permit holding period. Maryland has the shortest with fourteen days. Colorado, Maine and North Dakota have the longest, lasting 90 days.

Table 16 refers to the licensed individual who must accompany a permit holder. California and Vermont require its permit holders to be accompanied by individuals who

are at least 25 years of age. The majority of states require the permit holder to be accompanied by anyone 18 years of age or older.

BAC LEVELS

Table 17 documents the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels considered illegal for drivers. The average BAC level defined as illegal is 0.10, although some states declared 0.08 illegal. Massachusetts and Rhode Island do not have an illegal BAC level.

Table 18 documents BAC levels considered illegal per se for teenage drivers. Most of the responding states accept 0.02 as the BAC level considered illegal for teenagers, while Mississippi declares 0.08 as the illegal BAC level.

Table 19 refers to states which administer license suspension for a first offense of alcohol-impaired driving. Of the states which responded, 18 administer a 90-day suspension for a first time offender. Georgia implements the longest suspension period, one year.

Table 20 displays the restoration of driving privileges during the suspension of a license. Twelve of the states did not offer restoration privileges to drivers during their suspension. The average restoration period is 30 days. Table 21 provides the responses of the states regarding whether or not jail or community service is implemented for those individuals who are first-time offenders of illegal BAC levels. The remaining fifty states, do not enforce jail or community service for those individuals with illegal BAC levels.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information is based on replies to survey question 15. The questions asks for additional information concerning the identification of suspected drivers as well as testing, retraining and counseling programs. This additional information was provided in the form of brochures, manuals, and study reports.

Connecticut requires drivers to retrain if they possess more than two moving violations within two years. Physicians and police may recommend re-testing for drivers whom they feel may have special needs. Training is offered to drivers with physical disabilities. Iowa has a behavior modification-based driver program, a departmental program, and a renewal-based re-examination program. This program is a performance-based graduated licensing program for drivers who may no longer be fit for an unrestricted license, but can still drive safely if driving is properly restricted. Kentucky has point system for habitually negligent drivers as well as a State Traffic School designated to promote safe and responsible driving. In Michigan, first-time drivers have a 36-month probation period. If convictions occur, a re-examination of the driver may be imminent. If the applicant is non-probationary, re-examination occurs if 12 or more points are accumulated. Suspension of privileges may occur. Nebraska allows law enforcement officials to send in a recall request for a person to be re-tested prior to the license renewal date. This is usually used for the elderly or unskilled drivers. In South Carolina, any driver who has been in four accidents within a two-year period is called in for an

administrative hearing. In Washington, individuals with more than the average number of citations or accidents are identified and placed on a twelve-month conditional status. Suspension for thirty days occurs if the individual has two or more moving violations during the conditional status.

CONCLUSION

The survey's primary objective was to obtain information concerning current and proposed licensing and renewal policies of the MVAs across the United States, and their effectiveness in identifying and mitigating high-risk driving behavior.

Unfortunately, the majority of states do not implement licensing/re-licensing programs for drivers labeled as "high-risk". The most common genre of licensing/re-licensing programs consisted of mail renewal programs. These mail renewal programs award violation-free drivers by allowing them to avoid the waiting and lines associated with renewing in person. Twenty-two of the 46 responding states had licensing/re-licensing programs for substance abusers. These programs consisted of offering counseling or retraining.

Only 12 of the 46 responding states had the means to identify high-risk drivers. Procedures for the identification of such drivers should be given careful consideration. If states have the capability to identify high-risk drivers and proactively implement appropriate treatment programs, accident rates would undoubtedly decrease.

Appendix

TABLE 1. MINIMUM DRIVING AGE

STATE	AGE
Alabama	15 (learner's); 16 (license)
Alaska	NR
Arizona	15.6
Arkansas	14 (restricted); 16 (regular)
California	NR
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	15 (learner's); 16 (license)
Georgia	16
Hawaii	15 (parental approval)
Idaho	14 (training); 15 (daylight only); 16 (license)
Illinois	16
Indiana	16
Iowa	14 (learner's); 16 (license)
Kansas	14/15
Kentucky	16
Louisiana	15 (Driver's Ed.); 16 (6 hr. course)
Maine	16
Maryland	16
Massachusetts	16 ½ (Driver's Ed.); 17
Michigan	14 (restricted); 16 (regular)
Minnesota	16
Mississippi	16
Missouri	15 ½ (parental consent)
Montana	13 (hardship-very restricted); 14 ½ (parental consent); 15 (Driver's Ed.)
Nebraska	16
Nevada	14 ½ (restricted); 15 ½ (instructional permit); 16
New Hampshire	16
New Jersey	17
New Mexico	15 (Driver's Ed.)
New York	16
North Carolina	16
North Dakota	14
Ohio	14 (hardship); 6
Oklahoma	16
Oregon	15 (instructional permit); 16 (license)
Pennsylvania	16
Rhode Island	16
South Carolina	15
South Dakota	14

Tennessee	16
Texas	15 (hardship)
Utah	16
Vermont	15 (learner's); 16 (license)
Virginia	15
Washington	16
West Virginia	15 (learner's); 16 (license)
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	16

NR= no response

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME TEENAGE DRIVERS

STATE	REQUIREMENTS
Alabama	WRV
Alaska	NR
Arizona	WRV (R test waived for Driver's Ed.)
Arkansas	WRV (-18 must have C average)
California	NR
Colorado	WRV (Affidavit of Liability)
Connecticut	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	WRV (hearing test)
Georgia	WRV
Hawaii	WRV
Idaho	WV(-17 enrolled in school or waiver)
Illinois	WRV
Indiana	WRV
Iowa	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Kansas	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Kentucky	WRV
Louisiana	WRV (Proof of school enrollment)
Maine	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Maryland	WRV
Massachusetts	WRV
Michigan	WV
Minnesota	WRV
Mississippi	WRV
Missouri	WRV
Montana	WRV
Nebraska	WRV
Nevada	WRV
New Hampshire	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
New Jersey	WRV
New Mexico	WRV(DUI and DWI class)
New York	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
North Carolina	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
North Dakota	WRV
Ohio	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Oklahoma	WRV
Oregon	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Pennsylvania	WRV (Physical Exam)
Rhode Island	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
South Carolina	WRV
South Dakota	WRV
Tennessee	WRV (Driver's Ed.)

Texas	WRV (medical requirements)
Utah	Driver's Ed. Only
Vermont	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Virginia	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Washington	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
West Virginia	WRV (DUI & DWI class)
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	WRV

NR= no response

W= written exam

R= road exam

V= visual exam

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME ADULT DRIVERS

STATE	REQUIREMENTS
Alabama	WRV
Alaska	NR
Arizona	WRV
Arkansas	WRV
California	NR
Colorado	WRV
Connecticut	WRV
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	WRV
Georgia	WRV
Hawaii	WRV
Idaho	WRV
Illinois	WRV
Indiana	WRV
Iowa	WRV
Kansas	WRV
Kentucky	WRV
Louisiana	WRV (Pre-licensing course)
Maine	WRV
Maryland	WRV
Massachusetts	WRV
Michigan	WRV
Minnesota	WRV
Mississippi	WRV
Missouri	WRV
Montana	WRV
Nebraska	WRV
Nevada	WRV
New Hampshire	WRV
New Jersey	WRV
New Mexico	WRV (DWI class)
New York	WRV (5 hr. class)
North Carolina	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
North Dakota	WRV
Ohio	WRV
Oklahoma	WRV
Oregon	WRV
Pennsylvania	WRV (Physical Exam)
Rhode Island	WRV
South Carolina	WRV
South Dakota	WRV
Tennessee	WRV

Texas	WRV (medical requirements)
Utah	WRV
Vermont	WRV
Virginia	WRV
Washington	WRV
West Virginia	WRV
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	WRV

NR= no response

W= written exam

R= road exam

V= visual exam

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE TEENAGE DRIVERS

STATE	REQUIREMENTS
Alabama	V
Alaska	NR
Arizona	WV
Arkansas	V
California	NR
Colorado	V
Connecticut	WV
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	V
Georgia	WV
Hawaii	WV
Idaho	WV
Illinois	WV
Indiana	WV
Iowa	WV
Kansas	WV
Kentucky	WV
Louisiana	V
Maine	WV
Maryland	V
Massachusetts	V (Driver's Ed.)
Michigan	WV
Minnesota	WV
Mississippi	WV
Montana	V
Nebraska	WV
Nevada	WV
New Hampshire	WV
New Jersey	WV
New Mexico	V
New York	V
North Carolina	WV
North Dakota	WV
Ohio	WRV (Driver's Ed.)
Oklahoma	WRV
Oregon	WV
Pennsylvania	Learner's and R if out-of-state license is invalid
Rhode Island	V
South Carolina	V
South Dakota	Transfer license; no testing
Tennessee	V (valid license for 3 months)

Texas	WV
Utah	V
Vermont	WV
Virginia	WV
Washington	WV
West Virginia	WV
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	WV

NR= no response

W= written exam

R= road exam

V= visual exam

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 5. REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE ADULT DRIVERS

STATE	REQUIREMENTS
Alabama	V
Alaska	NR
Arizona	WV
Arkansas	V
California	NR
Colorado	V
Connecticut	WV
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	V
Georgia	V
Hawaii	WRV
Idaho	WV
Illinois	WRV
Indiana	WV
Iowa	WV
Kansas	WV
Kentucky	WV
Louisiana	V
Maine	WV
Maryland	V
Massachusetts	V
Michigan	WV
Minnesota	WV
Mississippi	WV
Missouri	WV
Montana	V
Nebraska	WV
Nevada	V
New Hampshire	V
New Jersey	WV
New Mexico	V
New York	V
North Carolina	WRV
North Dakota	WRV
Ohio	WRV
Oklahoma	V
Oregon	WRV
Pennsylvania	V
Rhode Island	V
South Carolina	V
South Dakota	Transfer old license
Tennessee	V

Texas	V
Utah	N/A
Vermont	V
Virginia	V
Washington	WV
West Virginia	V
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	V

NR= no response

W= written exam

R= road exam

V= visual exam

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 6. TIME PERIOD NEW NON-COMMERCIAL LICENSE IS VALID

STATE	TIME PERIOD (YRS-except where noted)
Alabama	4
Alaska	NR
Arizona	Age 60
Arkansas	4
California	NR
Colorado	5
Connecticut	4
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	6
Georgia	4
Hawaii	2
Idaho	4
Illinois	4
Indiana	4
Iowa	2 (drivers under 18 and older than 70)
Kansas	4
Kentucky	4
Louisiana	2
Maine	6
Maryland	5
Massachusetts	5
Michigan	4
Minnesota	4
Mississippi	4
Missouri	3
Montana	8 (ages 21-67; ages 67-75, prorated)
Nebraska	NR
Nevada	4
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	4
New Mexico	4
New York	4
North Carolina	4-8
North Dakota	4
Ohio	4
Oklahoma	4
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	4
Rhode Island	2
South Carolina	5
South Dakota	5
Tennessee	5

Texas	4
Utah	5
Vermont	2 (under 18); 2-4 (over 18)
Virginia	3-7
Washington	4
West Virginia	5
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	4

NR= no response

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 7. TIME PERIOD RENEWED NON-COMMERICAL LICENSE IS VALID

STATE	TIME PERIOD (YRS-except where noted)
Alabama	NR
Alaska	Expires at age 60
Arizona	4
Arkansas	NR
California	5
Colorado	4
Connecticut	NR
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	6
Florida	4
Georgia	2
Hawaii	4
Idaho	4
Illinois	4
Indiana	2
Iowa	4
Kansas	4
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	6
Maine	5
Maryland	5
Massachusetts	4
Michigan	4
Minnesota	4
Mississippi	3
Missouri	--
Montana	8
Nebraska	4
Nevada	4
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	4
New Mexico	4
New York	5
North Carolina	5
North Dakota	4
Ohio	4
Oklahoma	4
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	4
Rhode Island	5
South Carolina	5
South Dakota	5

Tennessee	5
Texas	4
Utah	5
Vermont	4
Virginia	5
Washington	4
West Virginia	5
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	4

NR= no response

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 8. RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMMERCIAL LICENSES

STATE	REQUIREMENTS
Alabama	V (renewal fee)
Alaska	NR
Arizona	V
Arkansas	V
California	NR
Colorado	V
Connecticut	V (renewal fee)
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	V
Georgia	No test if renewed by mail
Hawaii	WV
Idaho	No test if renewed by mail
Illinois	WRV
Indiana	WRV, if license expires in three years
Iowa	V
Kansas	WV
Kentucky	N/A
Louisiana	V
Maine	V
Maryland	V
Massachusetts	V
Michigan	WV
Minnesota	V
Mississippi	N/A
Missouri	V
Montana	V
Nebraska	W waived if no violations
Nevada	WRV
New Hampshire	V (R if over 75)
New Jersey	N/A
New Mexico	V
New York	V
North Carolina	V
North Dakota	V (medical requirements)
Ohio	V
Oklahoma	N/A
Oregon	V (fee if over 50)
Pennsylvania	Pay a fee, only
Rhode Island	V
South Carolina	V
South Dakota	V
Tennessee	V (renewal fee)

Texas	V (medical requirements)
Utah	If renewal time, W waived
Vermont	Fee only (renewal by mail)
Virginia	V (W if one or more MV in one year)
Washington	V (skills test if needed)
West Virginia	N/A
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	V (skills test if needed)

NR= no response

W= written exam

R= road exam

V= visual exam

MV= moving violations

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 9. LICENSING/RE-LICENSING PROGRAMS FOR GOOD DRIVERS

STATE	REQUIREMENTS
Alabama	No
Alaska	NR
Arizona	No
Arkansas	No
California	NR
Colorado	No
Connecticut	No
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	V& H only
Georgia	No
Hawaii	No
Idaho	No
Illinois	W waived
Indiana	No
Iowa	Mail renewal
Kansas	No
Kentucky	No
Louisiana	No
Maine	No
Maryland	No
Massachusetts	Safe Driver Program
Michigan	Mail renewal
Minnesota	No
Mississippi	No
Missouri	No
Montana	No
Nebraska	W waived
Nevada	Mail renewal
New Hampshire	No
New Jersey	Point credits
New Mexico	No
New York	No
North Carolina	No
North Dakota	No
Ohio	No
Oklahoma	No
Oregon	No
Pennsylvania	No
Rhode Island	No
South Carolina	No
South Dakota	No
Tennessee	Mail renewal

Texas	Mail renewal
Utah	Mail renewal
Vermont	No
Virginia	No
Washington	No
West Virginia	No
Wisconsin	No
Wyoming	Mail renewal

NR= no response

W= written exam

H= hearing exam

V= visual exam

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 10. LICENSING/RE-LICENSING PROGRAMS FOR TEENAGE DRIVERS

STATE	PROGRAMS
Alabama	NR
Alaska	No
Arizona	No
Arkansas	No
California	NR
Colorado	No
Connecticut	No
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	Learner's permit for six months
Georgia	No
Hawaii	No
Idaho	Driver's Education
Illinois	No
Indiana	No
Iowa	No
Kansas	No
Kentucky	Graduated licensing program
Louisiana	No
Maine	No
Maryland	Individual receives regular license if s/he has no violations for one year
Massachusetts	Proof of school enrollment
Michigan	No
Minnesota	No
Mississippi	Proof of school enrollment
Missouri	No
Montana	No
Nebraska	W waived if no violations
Nevada	No
New Hampshire	No
New Jersey	"Probationary driver"
New Mexico	No
New York	Driver's Education
North Carolina	Learner's permit
North Dakota	No
Ohio	No
Oklahoma	No
Oregon	Provisional (16-18)
Pennsylvania	Driver's Education
Rhode Island	Under 18, 33 hours of instruction
South Carolina	NR

South Dakota	No
Tennessee	W R waived if Driver Training School courses are passed successfully
Texas	V (enrolled in school)
Utah	No
Vermont	No
Virginia	No
Washington	No
West Virginia	No
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	No

NR= no response

W= written exam

R= road exam

V= visual exam

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

**TABLE 11. LICENSING/RE-LICENSING PROGRAMS FOR
ELDERLY DRIVERS**

STATE	PROGRAMS
Alabama	No
Alaska	NR
Arizona	Medical exam if necessary
Arkansas	No
California	NR
Colorado	No
Connecticut	No
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	No
Georgia	No
Hawaii	No
Idaho	No
Illinois	Offers a free class
Indiana	No
Iowa	No
Kansas	No
Kentucky	No
Louisiana	No
Maine	No
Maryland	NR
Massachusetts	No
Michigan	No
Minnesota	No
Mississippi	No
Missouri	No
Montana	No
Nebraska	Waives W if applicant is eligible
Nevada	No
New Hampshire	If over 75, R test
New Jersey	Re-exam if needed
New Mexico	No
New York	No
North Carolina	No
North Dakota	Re-exam if needed
Ohio	No
Oklahoma	Re-exam if needed
Oregon	No
Pennsylvania	If over 45, medical exam
Rhode Island	No
South Carolina	No
South Dakota	No

Tennessee	Renewal by mail
Texas	Mail renewal for good drivers
Utah	If over 65, must pass a V exam
Vermont	No
Virginia	No
Washington	No
West Virginia	No
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	No

NR= no response

W= written exam

R= road exam

V= visual exam

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

**TABLE 12. LICENSING/RE-LICENSING PROGRAMS FOR
SUBSTANCE ABUSERS**

STATE	PROGRAM
Alabama	No
Alaska	NR
Arizona	Driver Improvement Program
Arkansas	No
California	NR
Colorado	No
Connecticut	No
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	Medical Review Board
Georgia	No
Hawaii	No
Idaho	No
Illinois	Evaluation Program
Indiana	Special counseling
Iowa	Revocation
Kansas	DUI convictions
Kentucky	Alcohol education classes
Louisiana	No
Maine	Driver Education
Maryland	Treatment program
Massachusetts	DWI programs
Michigan	No
Minnesota	DWI clinic
Mississippi	No
Missouri	Substance Abuse Program
Montana	No
Nebraska	No
Nevada	No
New Hampshire	No
New Jersey	Rehabilitation
New Mexico	DWI School
New York	No
North Carolina	No
North Dakota	Treatment
Ohio	Treatment
Oklahoma	No
Oregon	No
Pennsylvania	Renewal denied
Rhode Island	Re-training
South Carolina	Counseling
South Dakota	No

Tennessee	Driver Improvement Program
Texas	Medical Advisory Board
Utah	Not specific
Vermont	No
Virginia	No
Washington	Treatment
West Virginia	No
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	Re-examination

NR= no response

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 13. HIGH RISK DRIVER IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMS

STATE	PROGRAMS
Alabama	No
Alaska	NR
Arizona	No
Arkansas	Three-year history of records
California	NR
Colorado	No
Connecticut	No
Delaware	NR
District of Columbia	NR
Florida	Habitual Offenders program
Georgia	No
Hawaii	No
Idaho	No
Illinois	No
Indiana	No
Iowa	Driver Improvement Program
Kansas	No
Kentucky	History records
Louisiana	No
Maine	Functional Ability Profiles
Maryland	No (Driver's records "flagged")
Massachusetts	Computer records
Michigan	Point system
Minnesota	No
Mississippi	No
Missouri	No
Montana	No
Nebraska	No
Nevada	Point system
New Hampshire	No
New Jersey	Point system
New Mexico	No
New York	No
North Carolina	No
North Dakota	No
Ohio	No
Oklahoma	No
Oregon	No
Pennsylvania	No
Rhode Island	Driver abstracts
South Carolina	No
South Dakota	No
Tennessee	Driver Improvement

Texas	Point system
Utah	No
Vermont	Point system
Virginia	Point system
Washington	Point system
West Virginia	No
Wisconsin	NR
Wyoming	No

NR= no response

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 14. TIME PERIOD LEARNER'S PERMIT IS VALID

STATE	TIME PERIOD
Alabama	4 years
Alaska	2 years
Arizona	1 year
Arkansas	60 days
California	1 year
Colorado	8 months
Connecticut	None
Delaware	60 days
District of Columbia	3 months
Florida	6 years
Georgia	1 year
Hawaii	90 days
Idaho	180 days
Illinois	1 year
Indiana	Until 16, 3 months
Iowa	2 years from birthday
Kansas	1 year
Kentucky	6 months
Louisiana	4 years
Maine	18 months
Maryland	180 days
Massachusetts	1 year
Michigan	1 year
Minnesota	1 year
Mississippi	1 year
Missouri	6 months
Montana	6 months
Nebraska	1 year
Nevada	8 months
New Hampshire	None
New Jersey	Until 17, 3 months
New Mexico	6 months
New York	1 year
North Carolina	18 months
North Dakota	1 year
Ohio	6 months
Oklahoma	4 years
Oregon	18 months
Pennsylvania	120 days
Rhode Island	180 days
South Carolina	6 months
South Dakota	180 days
Tennessee	1 year

Texas	1 year
Utah	3 months
Vermont	2 years
Virginia	1 year
Washington	1 year
West Virginia	Until 16, 2 months
Wisconsin	6 months
Wyoming	1 year

Source: High Risk Driver's Study, Morgan State University, 1997

TABLE 15. MINIMUM REQUIRED HOLDING PERIOD FOR PERMITS

STATE	TIME PERIOD
Alabama	---
Alaska	---
Arizona	---
Arkansas	30 days
California	30 days
Colorado	90 days
Connecticut	No permit available
Delaware	---
District of Columbia	---
Florida	---
Georgia	---
Hawaii	---
Idaho	---
Illinois	---
Indiana	60 days
Iowa	---
Kansas	---
Kentucky	30 days
Louisiana	---
Maine	90 days
Maryland	14 days
Massachusetts	---
Michigan	30 days
Minnesota	---
Mississippi	30 days
Missouri	---
Montana	---
Nebraska	---
Nevada	---
New Hampshire	No permit available
New Jersey	---
New Mexico	---
New York	---
North Carolina	---
North Dakota	90 days
Ohio	---
Oklahoma	---
Oregon	---
Pennsylvania	---
Rhode Island	---
South Carolina	15 days
South Dakota	---
Tennessee	---

Texas	---
Utah	---
Vermont	---
Virginia	---
Washington	---
West Virginia	---
Wisconsin	---
Wyoming	---

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1995

TABLE 16. WHO MUST ACCOMPANY A PERMIT HOLDER?

STATE	PERSON
Alabama	Parent/guardian
Alaska	Anyone over 19 with one year driving experience
Arizona	Anyone
Arkansas	Anyone with one year experience
California	Anyone 25 or older
Colorado	Parent/guardian
Connecticut	Anyone over 18 with two years driving experience
Delaware	Parent/guardian
District of Columbia	Anyone
Florida	Anyone over 18
Georgia	Anyone over 18
Hawaii	Anyone
Idaho	Anyone over 18
Illinois	Parent/guardian
Indiana	Parent/guardian/relative over 18
Iowa	Immediate family member over 21
Kansas	Anyone with one year driving experience
Kentucky	Anyone
Louisiana	Anyone over 18
Maine	Anyone over 18 with one year driving experience
Maryland	Anyone over 21 with three years driving experience
Massachusetts	Anyone over 18 with one year driving experience
Michigan	Parent/guardian
Minnesota	Parent/guardian
Mississippi	Anyone over 21
Missouri	Parent/guardian
Montana	Parent/guardian
Nebraska	Anyone over 19
Nevada	Anyone over 21 with one year driving experience
New Hampshire	Parent/guardian
New Jersey	Anyone with three years driving experience
New Mexico	Anyone
New York	Permit is only valid between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.
North Carolina	Parent/guardian
North Dakota	Anyone with one year driving experience
Ohio	Anyone
Oklahoma	Anyone over 18
Oregon	Anyone over 21
Pennsylvania	Anyone over 18
Rhode Island	Anyone with five years driving experience
South Carolina	Anyone over 21 with one year driving experience
South Dakota	Anyone over 18 with one year driving experience

Tennessee	Parent/guardian
Texas	Anyone over 18 with one year driving experience
Utah	Parent/guardian
Vermont	Anyone over 25
Virginia	Anyone over 18
Washington	Anyone with five years driving experience
West Virginia	Anyone over 21
Wisconsin	Parent/guardian
Wyoming	Anyone over 18 with one year driving experience

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1995

TABLE 17. BAC DEFINED AS ILLEGAL FOR ADULT DRIVERS

STATE	BAC LEVEL
Alabama	0.08
Alaska	0.10
Arizona	0.10
Arkansas	0.10
California	0.08
Colorado	0.10
Connecticut	0.10
Delaware	0.10
District of Columbia	0.10
Florida	0.08
Georgia	0.10
Hawaii	0.08
Idaho	0.10
Illinois	0.10
Indiana	0.10
Iowa	0.10
Kansas	0.08
Kentucky	0.10
Louisiana	0.10
Maine	0.08
Maryland	0.10
Massachusetts	None
Michigan	0.10
Minnesota	0.10
Mississippi	0.10
Missouri	0.10
Montana	0.10
Nebraska	0.10
Nevada	0.10
New Hampshire	0.08
New Jersey	0.10
New Mexico	0.08
New York	0.10
North Carolina	0.08
North Dakota	0.10
Ohio	0.10
Oklahoma	0.10
Oregon	0.08
Pennsylvania	0.10
Rhode Island	0.10
South Carolina	None
South Dakota	0.10
Tennessee	0.10

Texas	0.10
Utah	0.08
Vermont	0.08
Virginia	0.08
Washington	0.10
West Virginia	0.10
Wisconsin	0.10
Wyoming	0.10

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1995

TABLE 18. BAC DEFINED AS ILLEGAL FOR TEENAGE DRIVERS

STATE	BAC LEVEL
Alabama	0.02
Alaska	0.00
Arizona	0.00
Arkansas	0.02
California	0.01
Colorado	---
Connecticut	0.02
Delaware	0.02
District of Columbia	0.02
Florida	0.02
Georgia	0.04
Hawaii	---
Idaho	0.02
Illinois	0.00
Indiana	0.02
Iowa	0.02
Kansas	0.02
Kentucky	0.02
Louisiana	0.04
Maine	0.00
Maryland	0.02
Massachusetts	0.02
Michigan	0.02
Minnesota	0.00
Mississippi	0.08
Missouri	0.02
Montana	0.02
Nebraska	0.02
Nevada	---
New Hampshire	0.02
New Jersey	0.01
New Mexico	0.02
New York	0.02
North Carolina	0.00
North Dakota	---
Ohio	0.02
Oklahoma	0.02
Oregon	0.00
Pennsylvania	0.02
Rhode Island	0.02
South Carolina	None
South Dakota	---
Tennessee	0.02

Texas	0.07
Utah	0.00
Vermont	0.02
Virginia	0.02
Washington	0.02
West Virginia	0.02
Wisconsin	0.02
Wyoming	---

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1995

TABLE 19. LICENSE SUSPENSION PERIOD FOR FIRST ILLEGAL BAC OFFENSE

STATE	TIME PERIOD
Alabama	90 days
Alaska	90 days
Arizona	90 days
Arkansas	120 days
California	4 months
Colorado	3 months
Connecticut	90 days
Delaware	3 months
District of Columbia	2-30 days
Florida	6 months
Georgia	1 year
Hawaii	3 months
Idaho	90 days
Illinois	3 months
Indiana	180 days
Iowa	180 days
Kansas	30 days
Kentucky	---
Louisiana	90 days
Maine	90 days
Maryland	45 days
Massachusetts	90 days
Michigan	---
Minnesota	90 days
Mississippi	90 days
Missouri	30 days
Montana	---
Nebraska	90 days
Nevada	90 days
New Hampshire	6 months
New Jersey	---
New Mexico	90 days
New York	Until prosecution is complete
North Carolina	10 days
North Dakota	91 days
Ohio	90 days
Oklahoma	180 days
Oregon	90 days
Pennsylvania	---
Rhode Island	---
South Carolina	---
South Dakota	---

Tennessee	---
Texas	60 days
Utah	90 days
Vermont	90 days
Virginia	7 days
Washington	---
West Virginia	6 months
Wisconsin	6 months
Wyoming	90 days

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1995

**TABLE 20. RESTORATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES DURING
SUSPENSION**

STATE	TIME PERIOD
Alabama	No
Alaska	After 30 days
Arizona	After 30 days
Arkansas	Yes
California	After 30 days
Colorado	No
Connecticut	Yes
Delaware	No
District of Columbia	Yes
Florida	Yes
Georgia	Yes
Hawaii	After 30 days
Idaho	After 30 days
Illinois	After 30 days
Indiana	After 30 days
Iowa	Yes
Kansas	No
Kentucky	---
Louisiana	After 30 days
Maine	Yes
Maryland	Yes
Massachusetts	No
Michigan	---
Minnesota	After 15 days
Mississippi	No
Missouri	No
Montana	---
Nebraska	After 30 days
Nevada	After 45 days
New Hampshire	No
New Jersey	---
New Mexico	After 30 days
New York	Yes
North Carolina	No
North Dakota	After 30 days
Ohio	After 15 days
Oklahoma	Yes
Oregon	After 30 days
Pennsylvania	---
Rhode Island	---
South Carolina	---
South Dakota	---

Tennessee	---
Texas	Yes
Utah	No
Vermont	No
Virginia	No
Washington	---
West Virginia	After 30 days
Wisconsin	Yes
Wyoming	Yes

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1995

TABLE 21. JAIL OR COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR ILLEGAL BAC LEVELS

STATE	RESPONSE
Alabama	No
Alaska	Yes
Arizona	Yes
Arkansas	No
California	No
Colorado	Yes
Connecticut	Yes
Delaware	No
District of Columbia	No
Florida	No
Georgia	Yes
Hawaii	No
Idaho	No
Illinois	No
Indiana	No
Iowa	No
Kansas	Yes
Kentucky	No
Louisiana	Yes
Maine	No
Maryland	No
Massachusetts	No
Michigan	No
Minnesota	No
Mississippi	No
Missouri	No
Montana	No
Nebraska	No
Nevada	Yes
New Hampshire	No
New Jersey	No
New Mexico	No
New York	No
North Carolina	No
North Dakota	No
Ohio	Yes
Oklahoma	No
Oregon	Yes
Pennsylvania	No
Rhode Island	Yes
South Carolina	No
South Dakota	No
Tennessee	Yes

Texas	No
Utah	Yes
Vermont	No
Virginia	No
Washington	No
West Virginia	Yes
Wisconsin	No
Wyoming	No

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1995