AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED LEARNER’S PERMIT MUST BE HELD
BEFORE OBTAINING A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE AND TO AMEND THE
PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE
HOLDERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Section 2 of S.L. 2021-24, as amended by Section 12 of S.L.
2021-134, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to applications for
licenses submitted on or after that date. Section 1 of this act expires on December 31,
2023.

SECTION 1.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law.

SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 20-11 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-11. Issuance of limited learner’s permit and provisional drivers license to person who
is less than 18 years old.

... (d) Level 2. – A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old may obtain
a limited provisional license if the person meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Has held a limited learner's permit issued by the Division for at least 12 months.

..."

SECTION 2.(b) This section becomes effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
applications for licenses submitted on or after that date.

SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 20-11(e)(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) When the license holder is driving the vehicle and is not accompanied by the
supervising driver, there may be no more than one passenger under 21 years
of age in the vehicle. This limit does not apply to passengers who are members
of the license holder's immediate family or whose primary residence is the
same household as the license holder. However, if a family member or
member of the same household as the license holder who is younger than 21
years of age is a passenger in the vehicle, no other passengers under 21 years
of age, who are not members of the license holder's immediate family or
members of the license holder's household, may be in the vehicle, except that one other passenger under 21 years of age who is not a member of
the license holder's immediate family or member of the license holder's
household may be in the vehicle when that passenger is a student being driven
directly to or from school."

SECTION 3.(b) This section becomes effective August 1, 2023, and applies to
offenses committed on or after that date.
SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of April, 2023.

s/ Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Erin Paré  
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

This bill having been presented to the Governor for signature on the 25th day of April, 2023 and the Governor having failed to approve it within the time prescribed by law, the same is hereby declared to have become a law.  
This 6th day of May, 2023,

s/ Olwen Blessing  
Enrolling Clerk