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BILL  
FOR AN ACT

to amend Title 13, Chapter 1 of the MIRC, the Motor Traffic Act of 1986, in order to reduce the legal age for driver's license, to include the age for learner's permit, and for restricted license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS:

Section 1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2016.

Section 2. Amendment.

(1) Section 113 of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

§113. Non-eligibility for license generally.

(1) No operator's license shall be issued by the Chief of Police to any person:

- (a) who is under the age of ~~eighteen~~ seventeen (17) years, and who has not obtain a learners permit pursuant to section 115 and who has not obtain restricted license pursuant to section 115A;

(2) Section 114(2) of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

§114. Classes of licenses and requirements.

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(2) Consistent with Section 113 of this Act, no operator's license ~~or learner's permit~~ shall

1 be issued to any class of license specified in Paragraph (c) or (d) of Subsection (1) of this  
2 Section, unless the applicant has attained the age of ~~eighteen (18)~~ seventeen (17) years.

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4 (3) Section 115(2) of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

5 **(4) §115. Learner's permit and fees.**

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7 (2) Other than an applicant who attained the age of sixteen (16) years, Llearner's permits shall  
8 be valid for sixty (60) days from the date of their issue, or until sooner canceled by law or  
9 suspended or revoked, or until the holder thereof has successfully qualified for an operator's  
10 license of the same class as the learner's permit.

11 (2A) A learner's permits for applicant who attained the age sixteen (16) years shall be valid  
12 for six months from the date of their issuance, or until sooner canceled by law or suspended  
13 or revoked, or until the holder thereof has successfully qualified for a restricted license of the  
14 same class as the learner's permit.

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16 (5) Section 115 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by inserting a new section as follows:

17 **§115A. Restricted operator's license.**

18 (1) An applicant who reaches the age of sixteen (16) and have successfully qualified after  
19 holding a learner's permit for six months, may apply for a restricted license to operate a  
20 vehicle for six (6) months.

21 (2) For the purposes of this section, restricted license means a license which a holder is  
22 restricted to drive during night hours from 10:00 p.m. to 6.00 am and where no more than  
23 two passengers of age 21 or above is allowed to travel with the holder of the license.

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**Section 3. Effective Date.**

This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedure of the Nitijela.

Date: 3/29/16

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1 **BILL SUMMARY**

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3 The Bill propose to amend Title 13, Chapter 1 of the MIRC, the Motor Traffic Act of 1986, in  
4 order to reduce the legal age for driver's license, and to consider for learner's permit and restricted  
5 license.  
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7 The Bill proposes to have person who has attained the age of seventeen (17) years to be granted  
8 full license to operate a vehicle. Prior to that, when at the age of sixteen (16) a person must apply  
9 for a learners permit to valid for six months. After successfully obtaining the learners permit, a  
10 person may apply for a restricted license to valid for another six months. The restricted license is  
11 limited to certain conditions that the person shall not drive during night hours, between 10.00pm  
12 and 6.00 am and must be accompanied by 2 adult passengers of age 21 and above.