# Wisconsin Legislative Council Amendment Memo



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2021 Senate Bill 15 lowers the age at which a person may obtain an instruction permit to operate a motor vehicle from 15 years and six months to 15 years. The bill also lengthens the amount of time for which an instruction period is valid from 12 months to 18 months.

#### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 increases the number of hours of behind-the-wheel practice an individual who is under the age of 18 must have accumulated before he or she may be issued a license to operate Class D motor vehicles. Under current law, a person who is under the age of 18 must have accumulated 30 hours of behind-the-wheel practice, at least 10 of which must have been during hours of darkness, before he or she may be issued a license to operate Class D motor vehicles. Senate Amendment 1 increases the number of hours of behind-the-wheel practice a person must have to 50.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Bernier offered Senate Amendment 1 on March 19, 2021. On April 7, 2021, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 15, as amended.

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