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Probationary Drivers Legislation Effective July 1 Focuses on Experience Instead of Age

Restrictions on driving times and the number of passengers during first 12 months of driving

COLUMBUS – Beginning July 1, 2015, drivers issued a probationary license will face restrictions on when they can drive and how many passengers are allowed in the car while driving based on experience instead of age. This change is a result of Ohio's Drive Toward a Safer Ohio Initiative and is an effort to increase the level of experience for Ohio's young drivers.

"The change in driving times and the passenger restrictions during the first 12 months of driving allows Ohio's young motorists to gain more experience on the road, while reducing their risks," said Karhlton Moore, Executive Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Services. "This will help them become safer drivers."

Probationary drivers under the age of 18 will have the following restrictions during the first 12 months with a license:

- No driving between **midnight and 6 a.m.**, unless that driver is accompanied by a parent or a guardian. Those with valid documentation from work, school or church allowing for travel for activities between these hours are exempt;
- No driving with more than one non-family member in the car;
- All passengers must wear safety belts at all times; and
- No use of mobile communication while driving.

For more information regarding probationary drivers and new restrictions, visit <http://www.drivertraining.ohio.gov>.

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