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HOUSE BILL ***195***

AN ACT relative to commercial driver learner permits.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rhodes, Hills 30; Rep. Soucy, Hills 34; Rep. Hinch, Hills 21

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill requires that a person hold a valid driver's license to obtain a commercial driver learner permit and allows the permit to be valid for 180 days.

This bill was requested by the department of safety.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

146:1 Persons Learning to Drive. Amend RSA 263:25, II to read as follows:

II. In the case of a person learning to drive a commercial motor vehicle, the person may not drive as provided in paragraph I unless he ***or she*** is at least 18 years of age and unless he [~~either~~] ***or she***: (a) has a valid noncommercial driver's license; [~~or~~] ***and*** (b) [~~has successfully completed the eye screening, knowledge test and sign symbol test for a noncommercial driver's license and~~] has been issued a learner permit pursuant to RSA 263:88.

146:2 Commercial Driver Learner Permit. Amend RSA 263:88 to read as follows:

263:88 Commercial Driver Learner Permit.

I. The department may issue a commercial driver learner permit to an individual who [~~does not hold~~] ***holds*** a valid driver's license [~~and who meets the requirements of RSA 263:25, II(b)~~].

II. The commercial driver learner permit may not be issued for a period to exceed [~~90~~] ***180*** days. Only one renewal or reissuance shall be granted within a [~~2 year~~] ***one-year*** period. The holder of a commercial driver learner permit may drive a commercial motor vehicle on a highway only when accompanied by a person who holds a commercial driver license valid for the type of vehicle driven who occupies a seat immediately adjacent to the individual for the purpose of giving instruction in driving the commercial motor vehicle. A commercial driver learner permit shall not be issued to a person while the person is subject to a disqualification from driving a commercial motor vehicle, or while the person's driver's license is suspended, revoked, or cancelled in any state.

146:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 28, 2013

Effective Date: August 27, 2013