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State's New Teen Driver Law Goes Into Effect July 1

Indianapolis, IN. – Beginning July 1, 2009, Indiana will implement new Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) requirements for probationary drivers (under the age of 18). Because young drivers are at greater risk for crashes and fatalities, specific restrictions have been put into place to help teens safely travel Indiana's roadways.

Drivers who get an Indiana driver's license **on or after July 1, 2009**, will have the following restrictions:

Telecommunication devices

Drivers under the age of 18 may not use any type of telecommunication device while driving except to make emergency 911 calls.

When you may drive

Drivers under the age of 18 may not drive between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. for 180 days after getting their license.

After the first 180 days, you may not drive during the following hours:

- Sunday through Thursday, 11 p.m. – 5 a.m.
- Friday and Saturday, 1 a.m. – 5 a.m.

Drivers under the age of 18 may drive at any time if traveling to or from work, school, or religious event, or if you are accompanied by an individual with a valid Indiana driver's license who is 25 years or older.

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Driving with passengers

If you get a probationary driver's license on or after July 1, 2009, you may not drive with passengers for the first 180 days after obtaining your license, unless you are also accompanied by a licensed instructor, an individual with a valid Indiana driver's license who is 25 years or older, or a parent, guardian, or step-parent who is 21 years or older. You may drive with your child, sibling, or spouse during the hours allowed by law.

Court diversion programs

If you get a probationary driver's license on or after July 1, 2009, you will not qualify for court diversion programs.

For more information about Graduated Drivers Licensing or young driver safety, visit www.in.gov/cji.

The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving serves as the public opinion catalyst and the implementing body for statewide action to reduce death and injury on Indiana roadways. The Council provides ongoing support to state and local traffic safety advocates.

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) serves as the state's planning agency for criminal justice, juvenile justice, traffic safety, and victim services. The Institute develops long-range strategies for the effective administration of Indiana's criminal and juvenile justice systems and administers federal and state funds to carry out these strategies.

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