# GDL SYMPOSIUM NASHVILLE AUGUST 2015

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### **NEW GDL LAWS IN MINNESOTA**

- Legislation signed into law in May 2014.
- DPS rulemaking was required to implement portions of the new GDL law.
  - Few negative comments in process.
- Effective January 1, 2015 for new GDL drivers:
  - Supplemental Parental Class.
  - Supervised Driving Log.
  - Increase in number of required driving hours.

# SUPPLEMENTAL PARENTAL CLASS CURRICULUM

Must be a minimum of 90 minutes.

Not mandatory for parents/guardians.

Cannot count toward students' 30 hours.

# SUPPLEMENTAL PARENTAL CLASS CURRICULUM

- Required curriculum topics:
  - Information concerning GDL.
  - Safety risks associated with novice drivers.
  - Potential influence of adults on driving behavior of novice drivers.
  - Additional resources.

# SUPPLEMENTAL PARENTAL CLASS CURRICULUM

- All programs <u>are required</u> to offer this class and allowed to create their own curriculum for approval.
- Point of Impact (POI) created by DPS Office of Traffic Safety is used by most programs.
- Surveys showed most parents did not know GDL laws before completing POI.
- Course completion certificate is submitted at time of either the permit test or road test.

## SUPERVISED DRIVING LOG

- Required to submit at time of road test.
  - No log, no test.
- 50 or 40 total driving hours, 15 at night required with supervising driver.
  - 40 hours if supplemental parental class completed.
- Must be signed by supervising driver.
- Log becomes part of the driving record with provisional license application.

#### Driver & Vehicle Services

#### **Supervised Driving Log**

Effective January 1, 2015, every driver under the age of 18 who completes behind the wheel instruction and is testing for a provisional driver's license must submit a driving log. Parents/guardians have *two* options regarding the supervised driving log:

- Complete a supplemental parent class provided by a driver education program approved in Minnesota, and then submit a supervised driving log showing their teen has completed at least 40 hours (2,400 minutes) of supervised driving, 15 (900 minutes) of which are nighttime hours; OR
- If the parent/guardian chooses to not complete the supplemental parent class, the driving log must show that their teen has completed at least 50 hours (3,000 minutes) of supervised driving, 15 (900 minutes) of which are nighttime hours.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to provide as many additional driving hours with their teen as possible to prepare them to become a safe driver. The driving log must be presented at the time of the road test and submitted with the application for the provisional license. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

Date	Day Minutes	Night Minutes	Total Minutes	Skills Practiced	Date	Day Minutes	Night Minutes	Total Minutes	Skills Practiced
8/15/14	90	30	120	parking; turns					
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TOTALS	DAY:	NIGHT:	TOTAL MIN	TAL MINUTES:		DAY:	NIGHT:	TOTAL MINUTES:	

I hereby affirm that I am the parent/guardian who has supervised my teen driver for t	the
majority of the required driving hours, and that my teen has driven the hours listed a	bove.

TOTAL DRIVING HOURS

Signature of Primar	v Driving Supervisor
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# SUPERVISED DRIVING LOG CHALLENGES

- How was it decided who must submit log?
  - BTW completed on or after January 1, 2015.
- What kind of communication took place?
  - Info sent to all DE programs in Summer 2014.
  - Info on DPS/DVS website.
  - Info shared at exam testing locations.

### **INCREASED DRIVING HOURS**

- 50 driving hours required, at least 15 at night, with supervising driver.
- 40 and 15 if parent completes 90 minute class.
- Previously supervised driving hours were 30 and 10 since 1999.

### **FUTURE IMPACTS?**

- Too early to tell if any impacts have occurred on teen crash rates.
- Parent class completion part of students' official driving records.
- With new licensing/record system, we will be able to easier analyze teen crashes and violations.
- Will increased driving hours and more parental involvement make a difference?

### RESOURCES

- DPS Driver and Vehicle Services: dvs.dps.mn.gov
- DPS Office of Traffic Safety: ots.dps.mn.gov
- MN Statute Chapter 169: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=169
- MN Statute Chapter 171: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=171