

A State-by-State Guide to GDL Changes Needed Under the STANDUP Act (H.R. 1895)

Alabama

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle (*Currently under consideration in the state legislature*)
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages (*Currently under consideration in the state legislature*)

Alaska

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages (*Currently under consideration in the state legislature*)

Arizona

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 years and 6 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Arkansas

- None! Arkansas passed a law this session that is in compliance with H.R. 1895. However, we would recommend that they add a requirement for at least 40 hours of supervised driving during the learner's permit stage. This component may be mandatory in the Senate version of the bill (not yet introduced) or may be included in the implementation of the STANDUP Act at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation.

California

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 years and 6 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction by extending it through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Colorado

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18

- Strengthen the prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices by extending it through the intermediate stage to age 18

Connecticut

- Strengthen the passenger restriction by extending it through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Delaware

- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18

District of Columbia

- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Florida

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Georgia

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Hawaii

- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages (*Currently under consideration in the state legislature*)

Idaho

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 14 years and 6 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Illinois

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Upgrade the cell phone restriction to include a prohibition on texting

Indiana

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16 (*A bill to raise the minimum age from age 15 to age 15 years and 6 months is currently under consideration in the state legislature.*)
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18 (*A passenger restriction that would apply only during the first 6 months of licensure is currently under consideration in the state legislature.*)
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages (*The state legislature passed a bill this session that would prohibit talking on cell phones and texting; we encourage the Governor to sign this bill into law.*)

Iowa

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 14 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Kansas

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 14 to age 16 (*The state legislature passed a law this session that would raise the minimum age from age 14 to age 15.*)
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18
- Add a prohibition on unsupervised nighttime driving through the entire intermediate stage to age 18 (*The state legislature passed a law this session that would establish nighttime restrictions.*)
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18 (*The state legislature passed a law this session that would establish a passenger restriction during the first 6 months of licensure.*)

Kentucky

- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Louisiana

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Maine

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Maryland

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 years and 9 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 years and 9 months to age 18 (*The state legislature passed a bill this session that would raise the age of full licensure from age 17 years and 9 months to age 18; we encourage the Governor to sign this bill into law.*)
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Massachusetts

- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Michigan

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 14 years and 9 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Minnesota

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the prohibition on unsupervised nighttime driving by extending it through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Mississippi

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 to age 18
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Missouri

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 years and 11 months to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Montana

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 14 years and 6 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Nebraska

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Nevada

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

New Hampshire

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 years and 6 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 years and 1 month to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18 (*A passenger restriction that would apply for the first year of licensure is currently under consideration in the state legislature.*)
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

New Jersey

- None! New Jersey is in compliance with H.R. 1895. However, we would recommend that they add a requirement for at least 40 hours of supervised driving during the learner's permit stage. This component may be mandatory in the Senate version of the bill (not yet introduced) or may be included in the implementation of the STANDUP Act at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation. (*The state legislature passed a bill this session that would required teens to have 50 hours of supervised driving during the learner's permit state; we encourage the Governor to sign this bill into law.*)

New Mexico

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

New York

- Strengthen the minimum age for full licensure by removing the exception for teens who complete driver education
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Upgrade the cell phone restriction to include hands-free cell phones and texting

North Carolina

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18

North Dakota

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 14 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 to age 18

- Add an intermediate stage between the learner's permit and full licensure
- Add a prohibition on unsupervised nighttime driving through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Ohio

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 years and 6 months to age 16
- Strengthen the passenger restriction by extending it through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Oklahoma

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 years and 6 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Oregon

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Pennsylvania

- Strengthen the minimum age for full licensure by removing the exception for teens who complete driver education and allowing full licensure only at age 18
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18 (*A passenger restriction is currently under consideration in the state legislature*)
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages (*Currently under consideration in the state legislature*)

Rhode Island

- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Upgrade the cell phone restriction to include a prohibition on texting

South Carolina

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

South Dakota

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 14 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 to age 18
- Add a passenger restriction prohibiting more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over the age of 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Tennessee

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from 17 to 18
- Upgrade the cell phone restriction to include a prohibition on texting

Texas

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18
- Strengthen the prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones by adding a prohibition on other communications devices and by extending it throughout the learner's permit and intermediate stages to age 18

Utah

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
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Vermont

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to age 18
- Add a prohibition on unsupervised nighttime driving during the intermediate stage (*Currently under consideration in the state legislature*)
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages (*Currently under consideration in the state legislature*)

Virginia

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 years and 6 months to age 16
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

Washington

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18

West Virginia

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 17 to age 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18 (*The state legislature passed a bill this session that would strengthen the passenger restriction to the recommended standard; we encourage the Governor to sign this bill into law.*)

Wisconsin

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from age 15 years and 6 months to age 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 9 months to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages

Wyoming

- Raise the minimum age for entry into the learner's permit stage from 15 to 16
- Raise the minimum age for full licensure from age 16 years and 6 months to 18
- Strengthen the passenger restriction to prohibit more than one non-familial passenger under the age of 21 unless a licensed driver over age 21 is in the vehicle, through the entire intermediate stage to age 18
- Add a prohibition on non-emergency use of cell phones and other communications devices during the learner's permit and intermediate stages