



Teen Driving Law to Change May 1, Website Helps School Districts Alert Families

On May 1, teens holding a permit or provisional license under New Jersey's Graduated Driver License (GDL) program will be required to display a decal on a vehicle's front and rear license plate when behind the wheel. Known as Kyleigh's Law, the decal requirement will aid police in enforcing the provisions of the GDL law (passenger, nighttime driving and cell phone restrictions, and the use of seat belts by all vehicle occupants) that are designed to minimize risk for novice drivers.

In addition to the decal, which will be available through New Jersey Motor Vehicle Offices across the state in April, a second law will change the curfew for teens holding a provisional license from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m. to 11:01 p.m. to 5 a.m. It will also limit the number of passengers a teen provisional license holder may transport to one (including siblings) unless a parent or guardian is in the vehicle.

To ensure that students and parents are aware of these changes to the GDL law, school districts are encouraged to include a link to www.njteendriving.com on their high school websites and to promote the link via e-mail and telephone alerts. Developed and maintained by the New Jersey Brain Injury Association, with funding from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, www.njteendriving.com, is a one-stop source for all things teen driving. The easy-to-navigate site details the impending changes to the GDL law, and addresses the risk factors that cause teens to crash. It also includes videos, news articles, an interactive teen crash site map, tips, parent-teen contracts, and important contacts to assist families during the first 18 to 24 months of teen licensure, their most dangerous time on the road.

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