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House Bill 4536

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
 2 designated §17B-2-16, relating to issuance of a driver's license; providing a waiver of
 3 examination if certain requirements are met; clarifying when full testing is required; and
 4 requiring all applicable fees be paid to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, WAIVER OF EXAMINATION, EXPIRATION AND
 RENEWAL.**

§17B-2-16. Waiver of examinations.

1 (a) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall examine every applicant for an operator's license
 2 before issuing any such license, except as otherwise provided in this article.

3 (b) Written and road skill examinations for students duly enrolled in a driver education
 4 course will be administered by driver education teachers certified by the West Virginia Department
 5 of Education. Upon successful completion of the driver education course, the certified teacher
 6 must issue a "High School Driver Education Certificate" which will be accepted in lieu of the written
 7 and road skill examinations administered by the Division of Motor Vehicles for a period of six
 8 months from the date of issue. No further testing by the Division of Motor Vehicles is required
 9 unless the High School Driver Education Certificate has expired; in such event, full testing is
 10 required. All persons under age 18 who transfer their out-of-state license for a West Virginia
 11 license must be given a written and road test by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

12 (c) All fees applicable for the issuance of a driver's license shall be paid to the Division of
 13 Motor Vehicles upon acceptance of a valid "High School Driver Education Certificate".

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow students who enroll and successfully complete a driver's education course to receive a certificate which the DMV will accept in lieu of being tested at the DMV.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.