

Graduated Drivers Licensing



	CURRENT POLICY	NEW POLICY
<p>PHASE 1 Learner's permit <i>age 14</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available starting at age 14 • Permits teen drivers to drive when accompanied by a parent (or a licensed adult age 21+) • Must hold a learner's permit for at least 6 months if choosing to obtain a restricted license (OR) teens may opt to skip the learner's permit and obtain a full license at age 16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available starting at age 14 • Permits teen drivers to drive when accompanied by a parent (or a licensed adult age 21+) • <u>Every teen must hold a learner's permit for 12 months before obtaining a restricted license or a full license</u>
<p>PHASE 2 Restricted license <i>This phase is optional for Kansas teens</i> <i>age 15</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available starting at age 15 • Teen drivers must successfully complete a drivers education course to obtain a restricted license • Permits teen drivers to drive unsupervised to and from work or school • Allows teen drivers to transport siblings and adult passengers; may not transport non-siblings under the age of 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to existing Restricted License phase
<p>PHASE 3 Full license <i>age 16</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available starting at age 16 • No limits on passengers or late-night driving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available starting at age 16 • <u>Limits teen drivers to no more than one non-sibling passenger under the age of 18 during first 6 months of full licensing</u> • <u>Limits late-night driving to 9 p.m. during the first 6 months of full licensing unless driving to and from work/school</u>
<p>FARM PERMIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available starting at age 14 to teens who live or work on a farm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to existing Farm Permit

Changes to the law are indicated above in bold underlined

The bill also includes the following provisions:

WIRELESS DEVICES — Use of wireless communication devices are prohibited until teen completes the six-month period of passenger and late-night driving restrictions.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION — 30-day suspension of license for first offense; 90-day suspension of license for second offense; and one-year suspension of license for third offense. Penalties would apply to all teen drivers.

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE — Teens entering the licensing system prior to January 1, 2010, would fall under the current licensing guidelines rather than the GDL guidelines.