

SENATOR FOR A DAY MOCK LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 11 – Lowering Pennsylvania Driving Age to 15

[Kentuckians now only need to be 15 years old to get driver's permit](#)

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FRANKFORT, Ky. —

It's now possible for 15-year-olds to get a driver's permit in Kentucky.

Gov. Andy Beshear signed into law House Bill 15 on Tuesday. The bill was passed by the state legislature. The Senate gave [final approval to House Bill 15](#) on March 11.

It lowers the age for a driver's permit from 16 to 15.

The bill goes into effect immediately according to the following language included within it:

“Whereas there is a need to expand economic and cultural opportunities for the Commonwealth's youth through increased transportation options, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.”

It's not specifically clear, since the bill was signed Tuesday, if a 15-year-old can go apply for a driver's permit in Kentucky on Tuesday or if they must wait until Wednesday.

Beshear announced on X that he had signed the bill, using a humorous video about his kids nagging him about getting it signed.

Before signing it he says, "To all the 15-year-olds out there, drive safe."

The governor said he believes the move will help families out by having an extra driver.

"I signed this bill knowing it will help working families better juggle all of life's activities," said Beshear.

[Driving at 15 years old in Pennsylvania? 2 lawmakers propose lowering legal driving age - 6abc Philadelphia](#)

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HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (WPVI) -- Two Pennsylvania lawmakers want to lower the legal driving age in the state from 16 years old to 15 years old.

Democratic State Representative Stephen Kinsey of Philadelphia and Republican State Representative Eric Nelson of western Pennsylvania issued a memo to colleagues.

They argue the current legal driving age prevents teenagers from working and prohibits employment choices.

"While state law allows young people in Pennsylvania to begin working before they are 16 years old, it limits their employment choices by prohibiting them from driving until the age of 16," they wrote in the memo.

"If Pennsylvania teens wish to work and are legally permitted to do so, they should not be denied the right to travel to their place of employment," the memo continued.

Kinsey and Neslon say their legislation would subject a 15-year-old driver to the same "extensive training and safety measures" that are currently in place for young drivers.

That includes passenger limitations and nighttime driving restrictions.

"Three neighboring states - West Virginia, Ohio, and Maryland - recognize the societal contributions that individuals under 16 can make by allowing them to get their learner's permits," the lawmakers wrote. "Joining these states would mean more financial empowerment for Pennsylvania's youth and more tax revenue for the state."