

1 AN ACT relating to operator's license testing.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 186.480 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) ***The Department of Kentucky State Police shall make available in a printed***
5 ***format, electronic format, or both a driver's manual containing the information***
6 ***needed by an applicant to prepare for an operator's license examination. The***
7 ***manual shall have a section regarding how an applicant should act during***
8 ***interactions with law enforcement officers.***

9 **(2)** The Department of Kentucky State Police shall examine every applicant for an
10 operator's license as identified in KRS 186.6401, except as otherwise provided in
11 this section. The examination shall be held in the county where the applicant resides
12 unless:

13 (a) The applicant is granted written permission by the circuit clerk of the county
14 in which he or she resides to take the examination in another county, and the
15 Department of Kentucky State Police agree to arrange for the examination in
16 the other county; or

17 (b) The applicant is tested using a bioptic telescopic device.

18 **~~(3)~~(2)** The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight to ensure
19 compliance with the visual acuity standards set forth in KRS 186.577. The
20 examination shall also include a test of the applicant's ability to read and understand
21 highway signs regulating, warning and directing traffic, the applicant's knowledge
22 of traffic laws, ***the applicant's knowledge regarding his or her conduct during***
23 ***interactions with law enforcement officers,*** and an actual demonstration of the
24 applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a
25 motor vehicle. An applicant for a motorcycle operator's license shall be required to
26 show his or her ability to operate a motorcycle, in addition to other requirements of
27 this section. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an applicant who:

- 1 (a) At the time of application, holds a valid operator's license from another state,
 - 2 provided that state affords a reciprocal exemption to a Kentucky resident; or
 - 3 (b) Is a citizen of the Commonwealth who has been serving in the United States
 - 4 military and has allowed his or her operator's license to expire.
- 5 ~~(4)~~⁽³⁾ Any person whose intermediate license or operator's license is denied,
- 6 suspended, or revoked for cause shall apply for reinstatement at the termination of
- 7 the period for which the license was denied, suspended, or revoked by submitting to
- 8 the examination. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person
- 9 whose license was suspended for failure to meet the conditions described in KRS
- 10 186.411 when, within one (1) year of suspension, the driving privileges of such
- 11 individuals are reinstated.