

1       AN ACT relating to testing of applicants for instruction permits and operator's  
2       licenses.

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

4       ➔ SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO  
5       READ AS FOLLOWS:

6       (1) All written examinations and road skills tests administered to applicants for an  
7       instruction permit or operator's license shall be in English only.

8       (2) An applicant shall not use the following during a written examination:

9       (a) A translation dictionary;

10       (b) An electronic device; or

11       (c) An interpreter.

12       ➔ Section 2. KRS 186.480 is amended to read as follows:

13       (1) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall examine every applicant for an  
14       operator's license as identified in KRS 186.635, except as otherwise provided in this  
15       section. The examination shall be held in the county where the applicant resides  
16       unless:

17       (a) The applicant is granted written permission by the Transportation Cabinet to  
18       take the examination in another county; or

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

20       (2) (a) The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight to ensure  
21       compliance with the visual acuity and visual field standards set forth in KRS  
22       186.577. The vision testing outlined in this subsection shall be administered  
23       under the provisions established in KRS 186.577 at, or prior to, the time of  
24       application.

25       (b) The examination shall also include a test of the applicant's ability to read and  
26       understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, the  
27       applicant's knowledge of traffic laws, and an actual demonstration of the

1                   applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation  
2                   of a motor vehicle.

3                   (c) All examinations and skills testing required by this section shall be  
4                   *administered in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.*

5        (d) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an applicant who:

9           **2. (b)** At the time of application for a motorcycle instruction permit or  
10           motorcycle operator's license, presents evidence of successful  
11           completion of an approved rider training course under KRS 176.5062;  
12           or

13            3.(e)}    Is a citizen of the Commonwealth who has been serving in the  
14            United States military and has allowed his or her operator's license to  
15            expire.

16 (3) In addition to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, an applicant for a  
17 motorcycle operator's license who does not present evidence of successful  
18 completion of an approved rider training course under KRS 176.5062 shall be  
19 required to show his or her ability to operate a motorcycle. An applicant who  
20 successfully completes the skills portion of the test under this subsection on a:

24 (b) Two (2) wheeled motorcycle shall be issued a motorcycle operator's license  
25 without the restriction identified in KRS 186.447, and may operate both two  
26 (2) and three (3) wheeled motorcycles.

27 (4) Any person whose intermediate license or operator's license is denied, suspended,

1       or revoked for cause shall apply for reinstatement at the termination of the period  
2       for which the license was denied, suspended, or revoked by submitting to the  
3       examination. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person whose  
4       license was suspended for failure to meet the conditions described in KRS 186.411  
5       when, within one (1) year of suspension, the driving privileges of the person are  
6       reinstated.

7       (5) An applicant shall not use an autocycle for road skills testing administered under  
8       the provisions of this section.

9       (6) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall include, in the educational materials  
10      it produces for prospective drivers, information about the purposes, processes, and  
11      benefits of the organ donation program.