

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 309

BY SENATOR BARROW

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides for regulation of prices for driving courses by the Department of Public Safety. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:402.1(A)(2)(d) and R.S. 40:1461(C)(3), relative to pricing for  
3 driving courses; to provide for administrative rules; to provide for pricing of driving  
4 courses; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:402.1(A)(2)(d) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §402.1. Driver education; required

9 A. No application for a license for the operation of a motor vehicle shall be  
10 received from any person making application for the first time unless there is also  
11 submitted with the application, on a form approved by the secretary of the  
12 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, written  
13 evidence of the successful completion by the applicant of one of the following:

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15 (2) A "prelicensing training course" administered by a Class "D" and "E"  
16 driver education provider licensed and contracted pursuant to R.S. 40:1461 for any  
17 person eighteen years or older if a driver education course is not completed. The

1           prelicensing training course shall consist of a minimum of six hours of classroom  
2           instruction and a minimum of eight hours of actual driving instruction, including the  
3           administering of the skills test. A person shall not be allowed to receive more than  
4           four hours of actual driving instruction on any single calendar day. A properly  
5           licensed third-party examiner may, at his discretion, administer the skills test to the  
6           student prior to the conclusion of the eight hours of actual driving instruction. Upon  
7           successful completion of the instruction and skills test, the third-party tester shall  
8           provide the student with a department-approved certificate of successful completion  
9           in a sealed envelope to be delivered to the department. If the student fails to  
10          successfully complete the skills test, the third-party examiner shall issue a  
11          department-approved certificate indicating completion of the driver education course  
12          but failure of the skills test. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public  
13          safety services, shall establish rules and regulations to administer and define the  
14          requirements of the course. Oversight review of these rules shall be conducted by the  
15          House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works in  
16          accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The rules shall provide for:

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(d) Classroom size, **pricing**, and facilities.

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Section 2. R.S. 40:1461(C)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1461. Requirements for private training and driving instructor schools

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C. The commissioner of the office of motor vehicles shall establish rules and  
regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act subject to oversight  
review by the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways, and public  
works, for the following:

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(3) The establishment of the terms, manner, **price** and location of instruction  
and testing **for driving courses**.

