

321J.20 Temporary restricted license — ignition interlock devices.

1. The department may, on application, issue a temporary restricted license to a person whose noncommercial driver's license is revoked under [this chapter](#), or revoked or suspended under [chapter 321](#) solely for violations of [this chapter](#), or who has been determined to be a habitual offender under [chapter 321](#) based solely on violations of [this chapter](#) or on violations listed in [section 321.560, subsection 1](#), paragraph "b", allowing the person to operate a motor vehicle in any manner allowed for a person issued a valid class C driver's license, unless otherwise prohibited by [this chapter](#). [This subsection](#) does not apply to a person under the age of eighteen whose license was revoked under [section 321J.2A](#), to a person whose license was revoked under [section 321J.4, subsection 6](#), for the period during which the person is ineligible for a temporary restricted license, or to a person whose license is suspended or revoked for another reason.

2. A temporary restricted license issued under [this section](#) shall not be issued until the applicant installs an approved ignition interlock device on all motor vehicles operated by the applicant. Installation of an ignition interlock device under [this section](#) shall be required for the period of time for which the temporary restricted license is issued, and for such additional period of time following reinstatement as is required under [section 321J.17, subsection 3](#). However, a person whose driver's license or nonresident operating privilege has been revoked under [section 321J.21](#) may apply to the department for a temporary restricted license without the requirement of an ignition interlock device if at least twelve years have elapsed since the end of the underlying revocation period for a violation of [section 321J.2](#).

3. In addition to other penalties provided by law, a person's temporary restricted license shall be revoked if the person is required to install an ignition interlock device and the person operates a motor vehicle which does not have an approved ignition interlock device or removes the ignition interlock device without authorization.

4. A person holding a temporary restricted license issued by the department under [this section](#) shall not operate a commercial motor vehicle on a highway if a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit is required for the person's operation of the commercial motor vehicle.

5. A person holding a temporary restricted license issued by the department under [this chapter](#) shall be prohibited from operating a school bus.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of [this chapter](#) to the contrary, the department may issue a temporary restricted license to a person otherwise eligible for a temporary restricted license under [this section](#), whose period of revocation under [this chapter](#) has expired, but who has not met all requirements for reinstatement of the person's driver's license or nonresident operating privileges.

7. A person who tampers with, removes without authorization, or circumvents an ignition interlock device installed as required in [this chapter](#) while the requirement for the ignition interlock device is in effect commits a serious misdemeanor.

8. Notwithstanding any provision of [this chapter](#) to the contrary, the department may issue a temporary restricted license to a person eligible for a temporary restricted license under [this section](#) if the person is also eligible for a temporary restricted license under [section 321.215](#), provided the requirements of [this section](#) and [section 321.215](#) are satisfied.

86 Acts, ch 1220, §20; 90 Acts, ch 1230, §87, 88; 95 Acts, ch 48, §21; 95 Acts, ch 143, §7; 97 Acts, ch 177, §18 – 20; 98 Acts, ch 1073, §9, 12; 98 Acts, ch 1138, §5, 36, 37; 2000 Acts, ch 1133, §17; 2003 Acts, ch 60, §7; 2007 Acts, ch 196, §6; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180; 2010 Acts, ch 1097, §11; 2013 Acts, ch 103, §16, 17; 2015 Acts, ch 123, §36, 73; 2016 Acts, ch 1011, §54; 2017 Acts, ch 76, §13 – 16; 2018 Acts, ch 1026, §117; 2018 Acts, ch 1110, §8, 9; 2019 Acts, ch 66, §1; 2020 Acts, ch 1059, §1 – 3; 2021 Acts, ch 80, §186; 2021 Acts, ch 98, §7; 2024 Acts, ch 1050, §8, 10, 11

Referred to in §321.215, 321.560, 321J.2, 321J.17A

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Subsections 1, 2, 3, and 7 amended