

Rule 375-5-2-.18. Insurance and Safety Requirements

(1) Every vehicle used by a school for the purpose of driver training must be registered with the Department, and a Vehicle Registration Card, issued by the Department, must be displayed conspicuously inside the vehicle at all times.

(a) Vehicles used for actual behind the wheel instruction shall be ~~ten~~ twelve (12) years old or less or have a mileage limit of 300,000, whichever comes first.

(b) Vehicles used for multiple vehicle driving range instruction or for other purposes shall be thirteen (13) years old or less or have a mileage limit of 325,000, whichever comes first. The Vehicle Registration Card issued for such vehicles shall be marked clearly with the statement "Multiple Vehicle Range Use Only." Such vehicles shall not be used for actual behind the wheel instruction.

(c) Vehicles already registered with the Department prior to July 1, 2010 may continue to be used for ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) or thirteen (13) years as provided in Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection. Vehicles registered with the Department on or after July 1, 2010 may be used for the periods set forth in Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(d) Any vehicle used for driver training in any manner shall be equipped with operational safety belts.

(2)

(a) Any vehicle purchased for use in driver instruction shall be inspected by the Department prior to use. In lieu of initially inspecting any vehicle bought as "new" from a licensed dealer and having less than ~~3,000~~ 10,000 miles recorded on the odometer, the Department may accept a certification from said dealer that the vehicle satisfies the Department's inspection standards.

(b) Following the initial inspection, the Department shall inspect each vehicle used for driver training on an annual basis.

(c) No Vehicle Registration Card shall be issued for any vehicle that does not successfully pass said inspection.

(3) No school vehicle registration card will be issued unless the school has filed with the Department evidence of insurance by a company authorized to do business in Georgia in the amount of at least \$ 100,000.00 to cover bodily injury to, or death of, any one person in any one accident and subject to said limit for one person, to a limit of at least \$ 300,000.00 to cover bodily injury to, or death of any two or more persons in any one accident, and at least \$ 50,000.00 to cover destruction of property of others in any one accident. Limited driver training schools offering classroom, virtual or simulator training only will not be required to obtain liability insurance as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-13-4.

(a) The school shall furnish evidence of such insurance, in the form of a certificate from the insurance company which shall stipulate that the Commissioner shall be notified when the policy expires or if it is canceled, and shall include the make, model, and vehicle identification number.

(b) If the school is covered under a fleet policy and another vehicle is added to the fleet, the school should notify the Department that another vehicle (giving the make, model, and vehicle identification number) has been added so as to avoid the necessity of the insurance company furnishing the Department with another copy of the policy each time another vehicle is added to the school fleet.

(4) Every passenger vehicle used by a school for practical driving instruction shall be equipped with the following special equipment.

(a) Extra brake pedal operable from the instructor's position.

(b) Extra clutch pedal, if the vehicle has conventional gearshift, operable from the instructor's position.

(c) Two outside rearview mirrors, one on either side of the vehicle and two inside rearview mirrors, one for the use of the student driver and one for the use of the driving instructor.

(d) Cushions for the proper seating of students when necessary.

(e) Vehicles used solely for multiple vehicle driving range instruction need not be equipped with the pedals or mirrors required in this subsection.

Authority: Authority O.C.G.A. § 43-13-8.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to increase the on-the-road limit to 12 years or 300,000 miles, whichever comes first; to increase the mileage limit from 3,000 to 10,000 for schools wishing to self-certify; and to add a mileage limit of 325,000 for range use. Vehicles used for multiple vehicle driving range instructions usage limit is changed to 13 years or less or mileage limit of 325,000, whichever comes first.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

Subsection (1)(a) has been amended to change the age limit for vehicles used for behind the wheel instructions from 10 to 12 years old adding a mileage limit of 300,000. Subsection (1)(b) has been amended to add a mileage limit of 325,000 miles to the thirteen (13) years on the road limit. Subsection (1)(c) has been amended to change the exemption for vehicles already registered with the Department prior to July 1, 2010 to allow such vehicles to continue to be used for twelve (12) years or thirteen (13) years. Subsection (2)(a) has been amended to allow the Department to accept a certification for vehicles bought as "new" from a licensed dealer with less than 10,000 miles recorded on the odometer.