

perhaps, I want a requirement for our learners to have passed an eye examination before they are issued a permit. Is that part of what is currently in place?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Johnson a question.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator, is your amendment saying that...what age can you get a learners permit, 14?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Fifteen it says here in the law.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Oh, I guess I remember somewhere that agriculture kids could get a permit to drive back and forth to school at the age of 14.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, farm children get a school permit at age 14.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Now is your amendment saying that they don't have to read the book that they give to every perspective person who is going to take the driver's test, so that they learn what all the different rules of the road are?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, ma'am. It just simply says that when a young person goes in and applies for a learners permit that young person does not have to first take a written test and pass it, which is the current law. But they must at least be 15 years old. They must also have taken an eye examination. That is correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: What about the ones that are 14 years old that have a permit to drive to and from school? Do they take a test to do that?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The school permit requirement does require a youngster to have passed the written exam.