

Task Force on Safe Teen Driving

Joint Transportation Committee
January 10, 2013

Task Force Created in 2011 Session:

- HB1221 – Duties of Task Force:
 - (1) Examine data on teen driving by age groups and urban and rural setting including traffic citations, crashes, injuries, fatalities, and circumstances and causal factors in crashes;
 - (2) Review current laws affecting teen drivers;
 - (3) Examine data on driver education available for teens, including preparation and ongoing training of instructors, costs for driver education, current payers, and enrollment statistics;
 - (4) Examine barriers to teen driving safety; and
 - (5) Review national best practices to improve safety of teen drivers.

South Dakota Teen Drivers at Risk

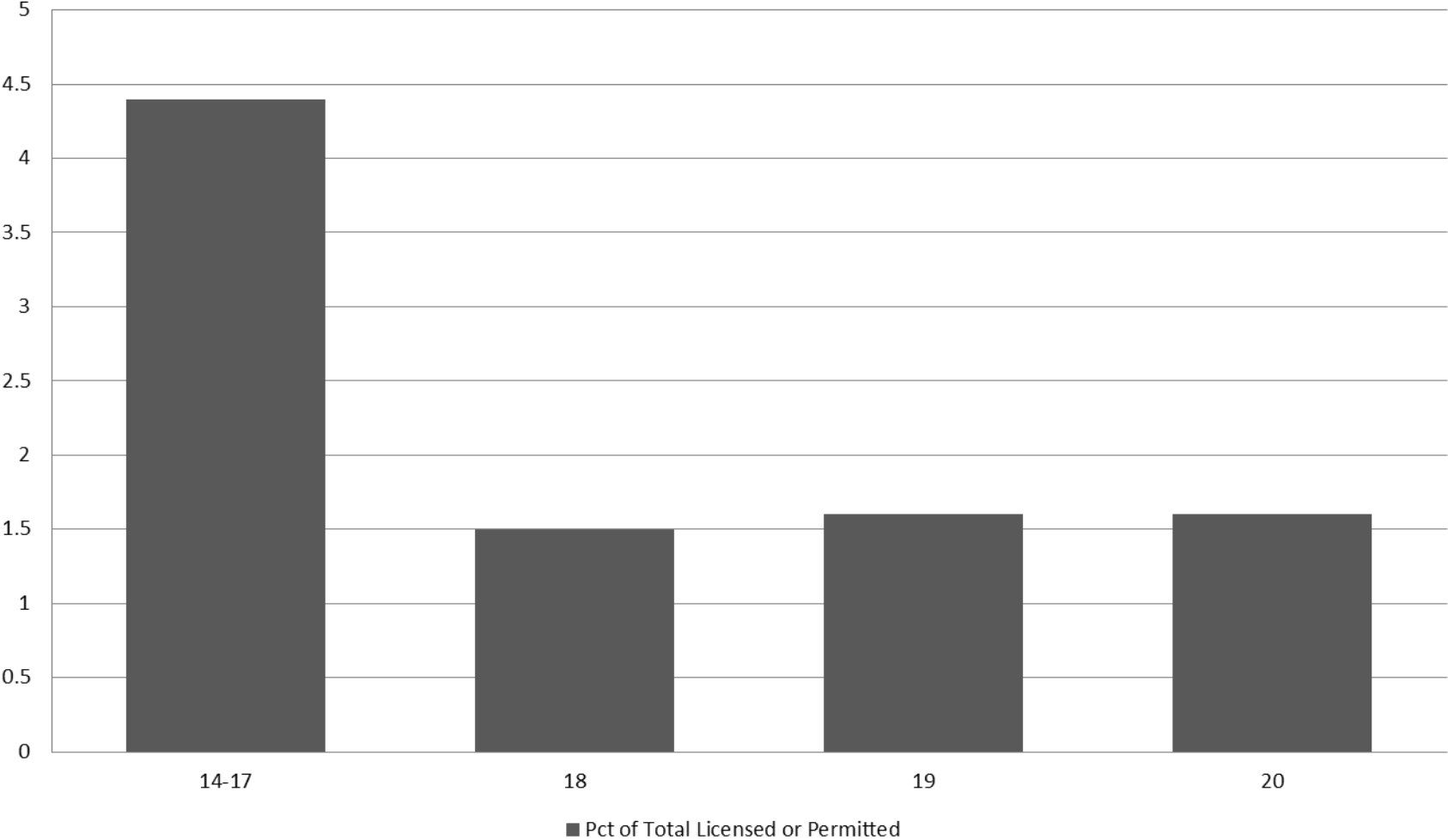
- Drivers in **14-17** age group account for **4.3%** of all permitted or licensed in South Dakota.
- Yet of drivers involved in crashes this age group **8.8%** of all state reportable crashes – an average annual number of **2,027** crashes!
- Study Years 2008-2010 = **10** Young Drivers Killed and **1,055** Injured in Crashes!

South Dakota Teen Drivers at Risk

- Top Driver (14-17) Contributing Circumstances:
 1. Running off road
 2. Failure to yield
 3. Driving too fast for conditions
 4. Over correcting
 5. Speeding
 6. Drinking
 7. Distracted

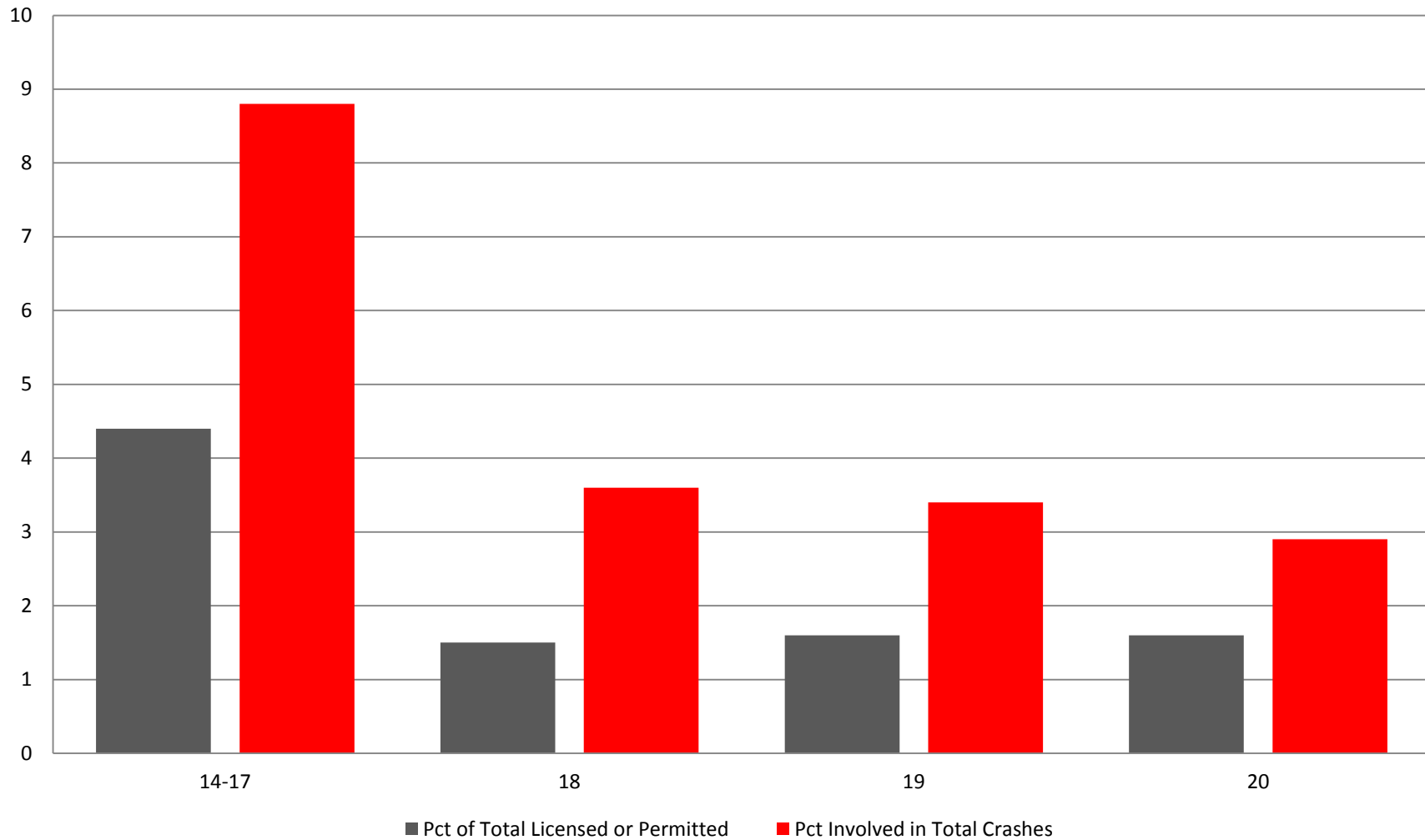
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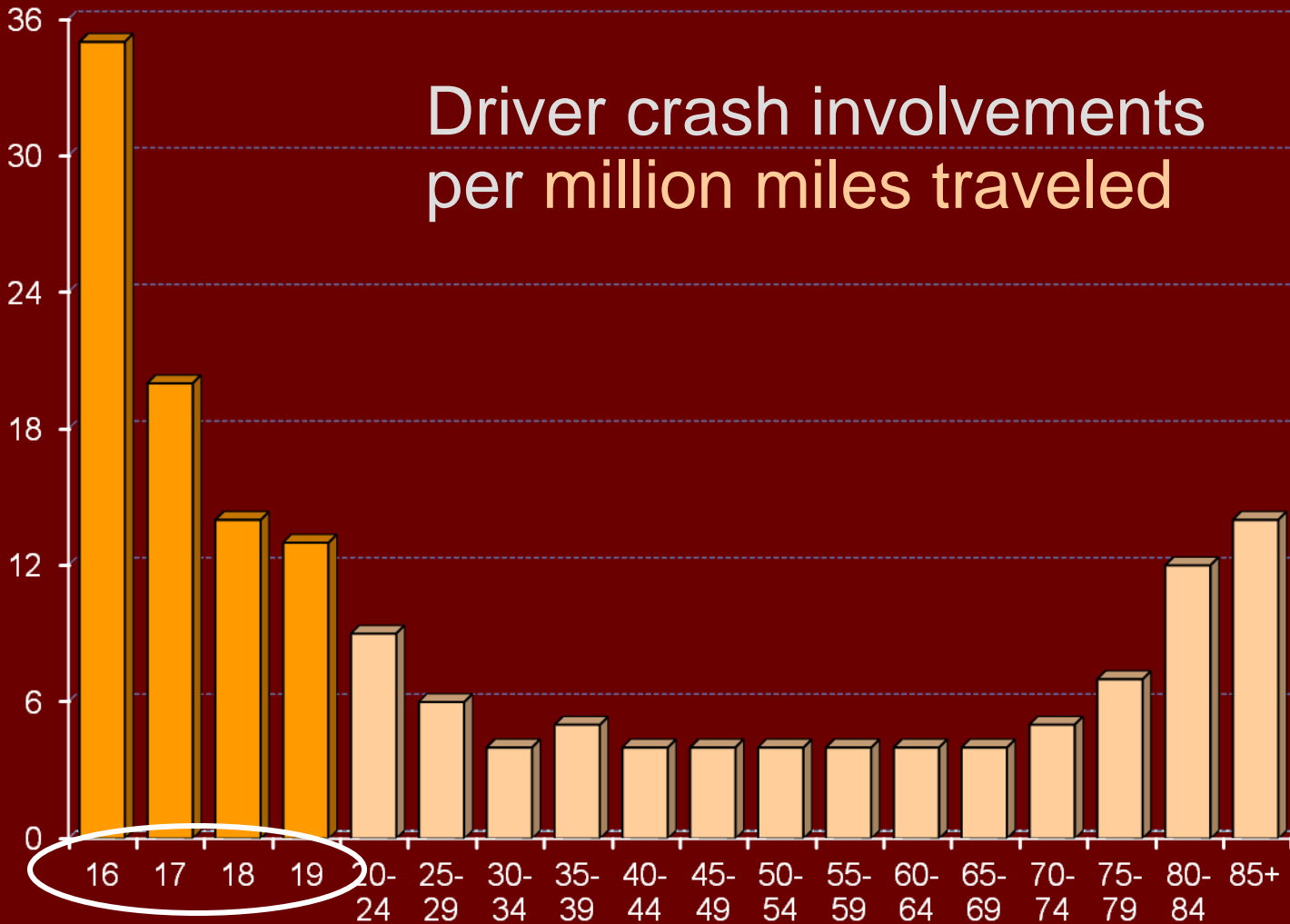


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Crash Rates by Age



Teen Drivers at Risk Nationwide

- Leading cause of death of 14-17 year-olds across United States is motor vehicle crashes at 39% (*in South Dakota it is number one at 44%*)!
- The national downward trend of motor vehicle deaths in this age bracket has ceased. The trending down was largely credited to enhanced GDL laws (11% uptick in driver fatalities from 2010 to 2011).

Legislative Recommendation One:

Restrict Unrelated Minor Passengers

- Add new section to chapter 32-12
- No holder of a restricted minor's permit may operate a motor vehicle carrying more than one passenger under the age of 18 who is not a member of the immediate family or lives at the permit holder's primary residence unless a parent or guardian is in vehicle.
- Research clearly indicates that limiting passengers during this phase is correlated with a reduction in crashes.
- School exemption will be provided.

SB107

- 01/18/2013 First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation S.J. 146
- 02/04/2013 Transportation Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 5, NAYS 2. S.J. 303
- 02/05/2013 02/06/2013 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 18, NAYS 17. S.J. 345
- 02/15/2013 First read in House and referred to House Transportation H.J. 424
- 02/26/2013 **Transportation Deferred to the 41st legislative day,** Passed, YEAS 9, NAYS 4. H.J. 541 (M: Russell S: Kaiser)

Legislative Recommendation Two:

Prohibit the Use of Electronic Devices

- During Instructional and Restricted Permit Periods for 14-16 year old drivers
- Exempts car radios
- Handheld devices are the target
- Enhance the development of safe driving skills during the learning curve
- Recent Office of Highway Safety survey of South Dakota drivers finds that 93% believe the use of texting devices should be banned by those who are driving.

SB 106

- First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation S.J. 145
- 02/04/2013 Transportation Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 6, NAYS 1. S.J. 303
- 02/06/2013 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 26, NAYS 9. S.J. 345
- 02/15/2013 First read in House and referred to House Transportation H.J. 424
- 02/26/2013 Transportation Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 5. H.J. 541
- 02/27/2013 House of Representatives Motion to amend, Passed H.J. 583 Amendment 106oa (Secondary Enforcement M: Russell)
- 02/27/2013 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Failed, YEAS 33, NAYS 30. H.J. 583
- 02/27/2013 Intent to reconsider H.J. 584
- 02/28/2013 House of Representatives Reconsidered, **Passed**, YEAS 36, NAYS 33. H.J. 593
- House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 43, NAYS 23. H.J. 640 45:29
- 03/06/2013 Senate Concurred in amendments, Passed, YEAS 23, NAYS 10. S.J. 698

Legislative Recommendation Three:

Increase Instruction Permit Period

- Amend SDCL 32-12-11
- Carrot on a stick
- Increase the permit period to 365 days but allow for a reduction if the driver has successfully completed a driver education course approved by the state.
- Reduction from 365 days to 270.

SB 105

- First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation S.J. 145
- 02/04/2013 Transportation Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 0. S.J. 303 00:02:04
- 02/06/2013 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 21, NAYS 14. S.J. 344 18:00
- 02/15/2013 First read in House and referred to House Transportation H.J. 424
- 02/26/2013 Transportation Deferred to the **41st legislative day**, Passed, YEAS 9, NAYS 4. H.J. 541 (M: Qualm S: Russell)

Legislative Recommendation Four:

Establish Driver Education Coordinator

- South Dakota lacks any standard curriculum and testing methods for driver education.
- Position would be funded by Office of Highway Safety.
- Establish a standard training program for instructor licensing, recertification, and continuing education.
- Consider re-establishing Driver Education Association in South Dakota.
- Establish statistical tracking methodology to create data linkages.
- SDDOT studied this and reported out in April 2011. This report was a significant resource for the task force.

SB 216

- First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation S.J. 241
- 02/04/2013 Transportation Motion to amend, Passed Amendment 216fa 01:40:35
- 02/04/2013 Transportation Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 0. S.J. 303 01:40:35
- 02/06/2013 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 30, NAYS 5. S.J. 346 53:48
- 02/15/2013 First read in House and referred to House Transportation H.J. 425
- 02/26/2013 Transportation Motion to amend, Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 5. Amendment 216oa 1:36:39
- 02/26/2013 Transportation Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 5. H.J. 541 1:36:39
- 02/26/2013 Transportation Title amended, Passed Amendment 216ota 1:36:39
- 02/28/2013 House of Representatives Deferred to another day, Passed H.J. 597
- House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Failed, YEAS 37, NAYS 21. H.J. 643 1:23:40
- 03/04/2013 Intent to reconsider H.J. 643 1:23:40
- 03/04/2013 House of Representatives Reconsidered, Passed, YEAS 38, NAYS 30. H.J. 648 1:23:40

- 03/04/2013 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, **Failed**, YEAS 36, NAYS 32. H.J. 650

Policy Recommendations

- Increase license age from 16 to 17.

Enhancement of GDL provision to reduce teen driving fatalities and injuries. Removes high risk situations until the young driver is more experienced.

- Develop more detailed crash reporting on cell phone usage.

Examine options available to create better statistical linkages to driver contributing circumstance of cell phone and texting.

Other Bills of Interest

- Senate Bill 142
- Senator Mike Vehle's Texting While Driving Ban (and prohibit conflicting muni laws)
- First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation S.J. 170
- 02/15/2013 Transportation Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 5, NAYS 2. S.J. 423
- 02/19/2013 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 24, NAYS 9. S.J. 449
- 02/21/2013 First read in House and referred to House Judiciary H.J. 480
- 02/27/2013 Scheduled for hearing
- 02/27/2013 Judiciary **Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed**, YEAS 8, NAYS 5. H.J. 568 (M: Hanson S: Stevens)

Other Bills of Interest

- Senate Bill 41
- Revise certain provisions regarding the requirements for school bus inspection and to authorize the Highway Patrol to approve school bus inspectors.

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- Senate Bill 42
- Update references to federal regulations regarding safe transport of hazardous materials.

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- Senate Bill 43
- Revise certain provisions regarding the crossing of a railroad and to revise the penalty for certain railroad crossing violations by the driver of a commercial motor vehicle.

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- Senate Bill 44
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Questions?