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**TRAFFIC.**

**CHAPTER 20.**  
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**PREVENTION COURSE CERTIFICATION.**

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# **CHAPTER 20. SENIOR CITIZEN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSE CERTIFICATION.**

## **§ 50-2001. FINDINGS.**

The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:

- (1) Drivers 55 years of age and older are an increasing segment of the District of Columbia's motorists whose unique driving habits justify the development of driver improvement training programs specifically designed for senior citizens.
- (2) Statistics indicate that although the number of annual miles driven declines for drivers 55 years of age and older, motor vehicle accident rates for senior citizens increase when measured by accidents per mile driven, and highlight the need for measures to improve highway safety by educating older drivers about their specific driving customs and experiences.
- (3) Senior citizen motor vehicle safety and driver improvement programs will improve the driving skills of older motorists, will update their driving knowledge, and will result in greater driving safety in the District of Columbia.

(Feb. 9, 1984, D.C. Law 5-46, § 2, 30 DCR 5638.)

### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

#### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 40-491.

#### *Legislative History of Laws*

Law 5-46, Senior Citizen Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Course Certification Act of 1983, was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 5-30, which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Environmental Affairs. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on September 20, 1983, and October 4, 1983, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on October 21, 1983, it was assigned Act No. 5-72 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

## **§ 50-2002. APPROVAL OF COURSES; CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.**

- (a) The Department of Transportation shall establish criteria and guidelines for the approval of motor vehicle accident prevention courses ("course") for individuals 55 years of age and older.
- (b) An approved course shall provide not less than 8 hours of actual classroom or field driving instruction.
- (c) An individual who successfully completes an approved course shall be issued a certificate of completion by the organization operating the course.

(Feb. 9, 1984, D.C. Law 5-46, §§ 3, 4, 30 DCR 5638.)

### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

#### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 40-492.

#### *Legislative History of Laws*

For legislative history of D.C. Law 5-46, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 50-2001.

## **§ 50-2003. INSURANCE DISCOUNTS.**

(a) All insurance companies authorized to sell motor vehicle insurance in the District of Columbia shall provide a discount in the amount charged for a motor vehicle insurance policy to individuals 55 years of age and older who have successfully completed an approved course.

(b) Any schedule of rates or any rating plan for a motor vehicle insurance policy approved by the Department of Insurance shall provide for an appropriate 2-year discount in the premiums for individuals 55 years of age and older who have successfully completed an approved course.

(c) The requirement in subsection (b) of this section shall be satisfied if an insurance company's schedule of rates or rating plan provides a discount in the premiums for all individuals 55 years of age and older based upon factors related to the individual's age.

(d) A certificate of completion issued pursuant to § 50-2002(c) shall qualify an individual for the discount set forth in subsection (b) of this section during the 2-year period immediately following issuance of the certificate.

(e) An individual shall complete an approved course every 2 years in order to continue to be eligible for a discount in the premiums of a motor vehicle policy of insurance provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(Feb. 9, 1983, D.C. Law 5-46, §§ 5, 6, 30 DCR 5638.)

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