

The following is only an abstract of one of our earlier reports. An email request for a printed or PDF copy of the complete report can be generated by clicking on the **Report Number** of this report in the table of reports on the [Research Studies and Reports](#) page. The PDF copy of the complete report was created by scanning an original, printed copy, and thus is only *partially* searchable and *is not* accessible, but is fully printable.

A printed or PDF copy of our studies and reports may also be requested by mail or phone at:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Research and Development Branch
2570 24th Street, MS H-126
Sacramento, CA 95818-2606
(916) 657-5805

For a request by mail, please include the report number and your name, address, and phone number. Also, please state whether you are requesting a printed copy, a PDF copy, or both. For a PDF copy, please include your email address.

TITLE: An Evaluation of Waiving the Driving Tests for Selected Graduates of Driver Training

DATE: June 1970

AUTHOR(S): David M. Harrington

REPORT NUMBER: 35

NTIS NUMBER: PB-218852

FUNDING SOURCE: Departmental Budget

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To determine if it was plausible, without a reduction in screening quality, to permit the schools to certify students as meeting the requirements for a driver's license instead of requiring a driving test administered by DMV.

SUMMARY:

A pilot study was done to determine the feasibility of waiving the driving test portion of the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) licensing procedures for selected graduates of courses in driver training. The pass rate for all students in the four school districts studied, on their first attempt at the driving test, was 73%. The driver training instructors were asked to nominate the top 10% of their behind-the-wheel students, relative to their ability to pass DMV's driving test. A follow-up was done to determine how well this top 10% actually did on their first driving test. Their pass rate was 85% which, although considerably better than that for all students, was considered too low to permit substituting the driver training instructor's judgment in lieu of the DMV's driving test. One limitation of the study was absence of test reliability indices needed to adjust for attenuation.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

It was recommended that the concept not be implemented. This recommendation was accepted by management.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

None.