

# **BEFORE YOU GET BEHIND THE WHEEL, GET BEHIND THE LAW.**

## Indiana's Graduated Driver's Licensing

### **This is the Law.....**

Indiana's Graduated Driver's Licensing law (Senate Enrolled Act 16) is effective January 1, 1999. The law is designed to provide young drivers with a slow, steady introduction to driving and to help develop safe driving habits. The provisions of the law are as follows:

- Drivers under 18 may not operate a motor vehicle during existing Indiana curfew hours (11 p.m. - 5 a.m. Sunday thru Thursday nights; 1 a.m. thru 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday) They may drive during these hours if they are driving to and from a legal job, school sponsored event; Church Activity or when driving with a parent or guardian.
- During the first 90 days after getting their license, drivers under 18 can't transport other people in the car unless someone at least 21 years old, who holds a valid driver's license, is riding in the passenger seat. Young drivers may drive unaccompanied as long as they do not carry passengers during the first 90 days.
- All passengers must wear a seat belt if riding with a driver under age 18.

### **This is Why There is a Law.....**

- Automobile crashes are the number one killer of teen-agers.
- Indiana Teen-age drivers make up only 6.1 percent of Indiana's licensed drivers but account for 14.3 percent of the total drivers in crashes.
- Indiana's percentage of motor vehicle crash fatalities involving teenagers is well above the national average-- 18.4% In Indiana VS. 11.8% for the U.S. average.
- 188 Indiana teen-age drivers died in automobile crashes in 1996.

- 43 percent of teen-age fatal crashes occur between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6 a.m.

### **Common Sense Tips for Teens**

- Wear your seatbelt-It's the Law!
- Slow down!
- Never Drink and Drive!
- Don't drive when you're tired.
- Don't Take a Chance, Drive Smart