

districts, and it is only under extenuating circumstances. We worked very closely with Jack Conrad to develop this from the Department of Motor Vehicles. And so that it would be something that he would approve of, the criteria is there, the guidelines. He will basically make that choice at the time a special hardship license would be issued. It is something that is on a case by case, and it is, again, I would just say extenuating circumstances, but there are some families that find themselves in a position where it would be extremely helpful, especially in the area of illness, either of the driver or a member of the family, that this hardship permit could be issued. So with that, I would ask you to support the amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Anyone else wishing to speak on the Robak amendment? Seeing none, we will turn back to Senator Robak for closing.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to point out some other types of permits already in existence. We have a farm permit, and they could operate farm machinery on public roads, all tests apply at age 13. At age 14 a school permit to drive yourself only to and from school and school related events, only available to students living at least 1 1/2 miles outside of the city limit, and, supposedly, all tests apply. At age 15, one may obtain a learner's permit to obtain (sic) a motor vehicle accompanied by a license, and there is also a work permit, to operate a motor vehicle to and from work in the normal course of business for those whose license has been revoked or suspended for other reasons than alcohol related, and all tests apply. To get a medical hardship permit, you must obtain a signed notarized affidavit from a medical physician outlining the medical need for the permit. You must submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles an application for the permit, providing proof of birth and identity, and certify that no other viable transportation exists to meet the need. The applicant will wait for possible investigation from the Department of Motor Vehicles. If this investigation results in a favorable recommendation the application receiving a permit, the application will be allowed to take the required tests, written, skill, and vision. If the applicant passes the test, on the payment of a \$5 fee, a permit will be issued. There would be some restrictions. It's restricted to use on the most direct route necessary to meet the needs for which the individual was issued a permit. They only need to drive to wherever it is necessary to receive medical attention, or in