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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 24, 2008

TO: Driver Education Providers and Instructors

FROM: Michigan Department of State, Driver Programs Division

SUBJECT: **Driver Education Curriculum Workshops and  
Instructor Professional Development Requirements**

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Curriculum Workshops

If you were unable to attend a Driver Education Curriculum Workshop in November or December 2007, the Department of State will offer additional workshops to help providers and instructors become more familiar with the new teen driver education curriculum. Pursuant to the Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act (DEPIA), PA 384 of 2006, use of the new curriculum for teen driver training is required by May 1, 2008. The workshops provide an opportunity to review the curriculum, participate in discussion, and get answers to all of your important questions. Participation in a workshop also satisfies instructors' professional development requirements (as mandated in Section 27 of DEPIA) for the first renewal cycle. The three-hour workshop is free and open to both teen and adult automobile instructors.

Advanced registration is required to attend a workshop and may be completed by contacting the Driver Programs Division at (517) 241-6850. A list of currently scheduled workshops is attached, including location information. Workshops may fill up quickly, so call soon for your first choice. For future updates of the workshop schedule, please visit the Driver Education page of the Secretary of State's Web site at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

Professional Development

Under DEPIA, driver education instructors are required to fulfill professional development requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State. Attached is an informational sheet describing currently available professional development options. As additional professional development offerings become available, updated information will be posted on the Secretary of State's Web site. If you have questions or need further information about professional development requirements, please contact the Driver Programs Division at (517) 241-6850.