background information
congress bill #0001

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-311(b) states that any person may be issued an intermediate driver’s license if such person is sixteen (16) years of age or older and has:

A. Passed a driver’s license exam pursuant to 55-50-322;
B. Had a learner permit pursuant to subsection (a) or its equivalent form another state for not less than 180 days;
C. Not accumulated six (6) or more points pursuant to the driver improvement program during the 180 day period immediately preceding application;
D. Presented certification by a parent, legal guardian or licensed instructor that such person has accumulated a minimum of 50 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience, including a minimum of 10 hours driving experience at night; and
E. Successfully demonstrated such person’s ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of an automobile.

The 2006 Congress Bill #0001 proposes to change the age of a person from sixteen years of age to seventeen years of age. The proposed bill also suggests changing the learner permit period, as stated in section B, from 180 days to 365 days.