**MEMORANDUM­­­**

**TO:** ALL DMV EMPLOYEES

**FROM:** Don C. Estep, Manager

CDL/Driver Licensing

**DATE:** August 13, 2015

**RE:** Home School Diploma’s

Effective today, the following policy is in effect on the acceptance of a diploma issued by a home school administrator.

In accordance with new recently passed legislation of West Virginia Motor Vehicle Law **§ 18-8-12** :

*A person who administers a program of secondary education at a public, private or home school that meets the requirements of this chapter may issue a diploma or other appropriate credential to a person who has completed the program of secondary education. Such diploma or credential is legally sufficient to demonstrate that the person meets the definition of having a high school diploma or its equivalent. No state agency or institution of higher learning in this state may reject or otherwise treat a person differently solely on the grounds of the source of such diploma or credential. Nothing in this section prevents any agency or institution of higher learning from inquiring into the substance or content of the program to assess the content thereof for the purposes of determining whether a person meets other specific requirements.*

An applicant who presents a home school diploma must be afforded the same acceptance as if it were issued by a secondary education at a public or private school.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Don Estep, Manager of Driver Licensing at (304) 926-3861.