



[SF 2094](#) – Minor’s Farm Driver’s License (LSB5460SV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

Senate File 2094 creates a class C or M special minor’s farm driver’s license for persons between the ages of 14 and 18 years who reside on an Iowa farm or are employed for compensation on an Iowa farm. The cost to issue a minor’s farm driver’s license will be \$8 per license, and the license must be renewed every two years. If the minor is granted a special minor’s school license at the same time, the minor will only pay one fee. The Bill includes the following provisions:

- Establishes criteria licensees must meet prior to issuance, including driver’s education requirements.
- Establishes driving privileges that restrict permit operation hours to between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. for specific purposes and specific distances.
- Limits to one the number of underage passengers who are not related to the licensee.
- Prohibits an individual issued a special minor’s farm license from using an electronic communication device unless the vehicle is at a complete stop off the traveled portion of the roadway.
- Establishes scheduled traffic violations for breaking license restrictions. These violations match violations that are currently established for a special minor’s school license.
- Establishes provisions to suspend or revoke a special minor’s farm license.

Background

Currently, persons between the ages of 14 and 18 may apply for a special minor’s school license, which allows licensees to drive to school and attend certain extracurricular activities. Currently, there are 18,000 valid special minor’s school licenses. In FY 2019, there were 202 convictions for violating restrictions of the existing minor’s school license.

Assumptions

- The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) estimates vendor costs to reprogram software that produces licenses at between \$80,000 and \$100,000. These are one-time costs and can be funded through existing appropriations.
- The DOT estimates 200 hours of staff time to reprogram existing systems. No additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions would be required to implement this law change.
- The DOT expects that very few licenses would be issued under this provision. Consequently, there would be very few new penalties issued for violating the new license provisions established in the Bill.

Fiscal Impact

The Bill is expected to require between \$80,000 and \$100,000 in one-time software reprogramming expenditures. Fee revenue collected for issuing the license and subsequent fines paid for violating license restrictions would be well under \$100,000.

Sources

Iowa Department of Transportation

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