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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to minors' drivers' licenses and operating
2 privileges.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.182, Code 1997, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. Certify that the applicant, if a minor
4 who has not previously been issued a class C1 or class M1
5 motor vehicle license under section 321.189, subsection 1,
6 paragraph "f" or "g", meets the requirements for issuance of a
7 motor vehicle license under those paragraphs.

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Certify that the applicant, if a minor
9 who has been operating a motor vehicle under a class C1 or
10 class M1 motor vehicle license, satisfies the criteria
11 necessary to be issued a regular motor vehicle license.

12 Sec. 2. Section 321.184, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
13 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

14 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The parent, guardian, or person
15 having custody of the applicant under chapter 600A shall also
16 verify that the person has supervised the applicant's driving
17 for the periods required by section 321.189, subsection 1,
18 paragraph "f" or "g".

19 Sec. 3. Section 321.189, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
20 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Class C1 -- Valid for the operation of
22 a motor vehicle if the following conditions are met:

23 (1) The person issued the license is sixteen years of age.

24 (2) The person issued the license has held an instruction
25 permit issued under section 321.180 for at least six months.

26 (3) The person has completed at least fifty hours of
27 supervised driving including at least ten hours of supervised
28 driving during hours of darkness.

29 (4) The person has operated a motor vehicle under the
30 permit for at least the three most recent months prior to
31 issuance of the license without an accident or violation,
32 other than a parking violation under section 321.210.

33 (5) The person has completed an approved driver education
34 course.

35 A class C1 license shall authorize the holder to operate

1 the same motor vehicles as a class C license holder, except
2 that a person issued a class C1 license shall not operate a
3 motor vehicle between the hours of midnight and five a.m.
4 unless the person is accompanied by a parent or guardian or is
5 going to or from the person's place of employment.

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. Class M1 -- Valid for the operation of
7 a motorcycle if the following conditions are met:

8 (1) The person issued the license is sixteen years of age.

9 (2) The person issued the license has held an instruction
10 permit issued under section 321.180 for at least six months.

11 (3) The person has completed the required number of
12 supervised driving hours.

13 (4) The person has operated a motor vehicle under the
14 permit for at least the three most recent months prior to
15 issuance of the license without an accident or violation,
16 other than a parking violation under section 321.210.

17 (5) The person has completed an approved driver education
18 course and an approved motorcycle education course.

19 A class M1 license shall authorize the holder to operate a
20 motorcycle as under a class M license, except that a person
21 issued a class M1 license shall not operate a motorcycle
22 between the hours of midnight and five a.m. unless the person
23 is accompanied by a parent or guardian or is going to or from
24 the person's place of employment.

25 Sec. 4. Section 321.189, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
26 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

27 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Unless the person is subject to
28 section 321.178, subsection 3, a license under paragraphs "a"
29 through "e" shall only be issued to a person seventeen years
30 of age who has held a license under paragraph "f" or "g" for
31 at least six months and who has had no accidents or
32 violations, other than parking violations under section
33 321.210, for at least the three months preceding the issuance
34 of a license under paragraphs "a" through "e".

35 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act takes

1 effect on July 1, 1997, for the purpose of adoption of rules
2 by the department of transportation. The Act is applicable to
3 licenses issued to minors on and after July 1, 1998.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill establishes a multistep process for obtaining a
6 driver's license for minors. Beginning July 1, 1998, a minor
7 who is issued a driver's license shall first have held an
8 instruction permit for at least six months, have logged at
9 least 50 hours of supervised driving, at least 10 hours of
10 which shall be during hours of darkness, shall not have any
11 traffic accidents or violations, other than parking
12 violations, during the three months preceding issuance of the
13 license, and shall have completed an approved driver education
14 course. The bill creates new licenses specifically for 16-
15 year-olds. These licenses, class C1 for motor vehicles other
16 than motorcycles and class M1 for motorcycles, restrict
17 operation of a motor vehicle to between the hours of 5 a.m.
18 and midnight unless the license holder is accompanied by a
19 parent or guardian or traveling to or from the person's job.

20 In order to obtain a regular driver's license, a person has
21 to be 17 years of age, have held a class C1 or M1 license for
22 at least six months, and have no accidents or traffic
23 violations other than parking violations for the three months
24 immediately preceding issuance of a regular license.

25 The bill takes effect July 1, 1997, for the purpose of
26 adoption of rules by the department of transportation. The
27 bill is applicable to licenses issued to minors on and after
28 July 1, 1998.

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