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A BILL FOR

1 An Act regulating the use of cellular telephones by minor drivers
2 and providing a penalty.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.363A CELLULAR TELEPHONE USE
2 BY MINORS WHILE DRIVING.

3 1. Except as provided in this section, a person operating
4 a motor vehicle pursuant to an instruction permit or
5 intermediate driver's license issued under section 321.180B
6 shall not use a cellular telephone while the motor vehicle is
7 in operation.

8 2. The use of a cellular telephone by an operator of a
9 motor vehicle is not a violation of this section if the
10 operator uses the cellular telephone to call a 911 or other
11 emergency number.

12 3. For purposes of this section, "cellular telephone"
13 means a radio-link telephone that provides dial tone access to
14 a portable, mobile, or fixed location for which a charge is
15 levied.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill creates a new criminal offense for the use of a
18 cellular telephone by a minor operating a motor vehicle
19 pursuant to an instruction permit or intermediate driver's
20 license, unless the call is for emergency purposes.

21 A person who violates this bill commits a simple
22 misdemeanor under Code chapter 321 punishable by confinement
23 for no more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$50 but not
24 more than \$500 or by both.

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