

# House File 2153 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transportation of passengers in a motor  
2 vehicle operated by a person with a special minor's driver's  
3 license and making penalties applicable.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 5871HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.194, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:  
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0a. A person issued a driver's license  
1 4 under this section shall not operate a motor vehicle  
1 5 transporting passengers other than passengers who are members  
1 6 of the licensee's immediate family or whose primary residence  
1 7 is the same household as the licensee's household, unless  
1 8 accompanied in accordance with section 321.180B, subsection 1.

1 9 EXPLANATION

1 10 This bill prohibits a person with a special minor's  
1 11 driver's license from operating a motor vehicle carrying  
1 12 passengers, unless the passengers are members of the  
1 13 licensee's immediate family or residents of the same household  
1 14 as the licensee. The passenger restriction does not apply if  
1 15 the minor licensee is accompanied by a person issued a  
1 16 driver's license valid for the vehicle operated who is the  
1 17 parent or guardian of the permittee, member of the permittee's  
1 18 immediate family if the family member is at least 21 years of  
1 19 age, an approved driver education instructor, a prospective  
1 20 driver education instructor who is enrolled in a practitioner  
1 21 preparation program with a safety education program approved  
1 22 by the state board of education, or a person at least 25 years  
1 23 of age if written permission is granted by the parent or  
1 24 guardian and who is actually occupying a seat beside the  
1 25 driver.

1 26 Pursuant to current law, a special minor's driver's license  
1 27 may be issued to a person between 14 and 18 years of age to  
1 28 drive to and from schools of enrollment and extracurricular  
1 29 activities. A violation of any of the provisions relating to  
1 30 special minor's driver's licenses is punishable as a scheduled  
1 31 violation, subject to a fine of \$30. In addition, the  
1 32 department of transportation may suspend a special minor's  
1 33 driver's license upon satisfactory evidence that the licensee  
1 34 has violated the restrictions of the license.

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