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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the hours of supervised driving time required
2 under the graduated driver licensing program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.180B, subsections 2 and 4, Code
1 2 2009, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. INTERMEDIATE LICENSE.
1 4 a. The department may issue an intermediate driver's
1 5 license to a person sixteen or seventeen years of age who
1 6 possesses an instruction permit issued under subsection 1 or a
1 7 comparable instruction permit issued by another state for a
1 8 minimum of six months immediately preceding application, and
1 9 who presents an affidavit signed by a parent or guardian on a
1 10 form to be provided by the department that the permittee has
1 11 accumulated a total of ~~twenty~~ thirty hours of street or
1 12 highway driving of which ~~two~~ five hours were conducted after
1 13 sunset and before sunrise and the street or highway driving
1 14 was with the permittee's parent, guardian, instructor, a
1 15 person certified by the department, or a person at least
1 16 twenty-five years of age who had written permission from a
1 17 parent or guardian to accompany the permittee, and whose
1 18 driving privileges have not been suspended, revoked, or barred
1 19 under this chapter or chapter 321J during, and who has been
1 20 accident and violation free continuously for, the six-month
1 21 period immediately preceding the application for an
1 22 intermediate license. An applicant for an intermediate
1 23 license must meet the requirements of section 321.186,
1 24 including satisfactory completion of driver education as
1 25 required in section 321.178, and payment of the required
1 26 license fee before an intermediate license will be issued.
1 27 b. A person issued an intermediate license must limit the
1 28 number of passengers in the motor vehicle when the
1 29 intermediate licensee is operating the motor vehicle to the
1 30 number of passenger safety belts.
1 31 c. Except as otherwise provided, a person issued an
1 32 intermediate license under this subsection who is operating a
1 33 motor vehicle between the hours of twelve-thirty a.m. and five
1 34 a.m. must be accompanied by a person issued a driver's license
1 35 valid for the vehicle operated who is the parent or guardian
2 1 of the permittee, a member of the permittee's immediate family
2 2 if the family member is at least twenty-one years of age, an
2 3 approved driver education instructor, a prospective driver
2 4 education instructor who is enrolled in a practitioner
2 5 preparation program with a safety education program approved
2 6 by the state board of education, or a person at least
2 7 twenty-five years of age if written permission is granted by
2 8 the parent or guardian, and who is actually occupying a seat
2 9 beside the driver. However, a licensee may operate a vehicle
2 10 to and from school-related extracurricular activities and work
2 11 without an accompanying driver between the hours of
2 12 twelve-thirty a.m. and five a.m. if such licensee possesses a
2 13 waiver on a form to be provided by the department. An
2 14 accompanying driver is not required between the hours of five
2 15 a.m. and twelve-thirty a.m.
2 16 4. FULL DRIVER'S LICENSE. A full driver's license may be
2 17 issued to a person seventeen years of age who possesses an
2 18 intermediate license issued under subsection 2 or a comparable
2 19 intermediate license issued by another state for a minimum of
2 20 twelve months immediately preceding application, and who

2 21 presents an affidavit signed by a parent or guardian on a form
2 22 to be provided by the department that the intermediate
2 23 licensee has accumulated a total of ~~ten~~ twenty hours of street
2 24 or highway driving of which ~~two~~ five hours were conducted
2 25 after sunset and before sunrise and the street or highway
2 26 driving was with the licensee's parent, guardian, instructor,
2 27 a person certified by the department, or a person at least
2 28 twenty-five years of age who had written permission from a
2 29 parent or guardian to accompany the licensee, whose driving
2 30 privileges have not been suspended, revoked, or barred under
2 31 this chapter or chapter 321J during, and who has been accident
2 32 and violation free continuously for, the twelve-month period
2 33 immediately preceding the application for a full driver's
2 34 license, and who has paid the required fee.

2 35 EXPLANATION

3 1 This bill increases the total amount of supervised driving
3 2 experience required of a young person under the graduated
3 3 driver licensing program. The amount of supervised driving
3 4 time that a permittee between 14 and 18 years of age must
3 5 accumulate to qualify for an intermediate license is increased
3 6 from 20 hours, including two hours of nighttime driving, to 30
3 7 hours, including five hours of nighttime driving. The amount
3 8 of supervised driving time that an intermediate licensee must
3 9 accumulate to qualify for a full driver's license at age 17 is
3 10 increased from 10 hours, including two hours of nighttime
3 11 driving, to 20 hours, including five hours of nighttime
3 12 driving.

3 13 Under the graduated driver licensing program, supervised
3 14 driving means the driver is accompanied by a parent, guardian,
3 15 instructor, person certified by the department of
3 16 transportation, or a person at least 25 years of age who has
3 17 written permission from a parent or guardian to accompany the
3 18 driver.

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