

House File 2548 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 531)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act regarding driving privileges of persons issued a special
2 minor's driver's license who reside or are employed on a
3 farm, and making penalties applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.194, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
2 2020, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (03) If the licensee resides on a farm
4 or is employed for compensation on a farm in this state,
5 the licensee may operate a motor vehicle during the hours
6 of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of assisting the
7 person's parents, guardians, or employers with farm work or in
8 connection with any farm job, employment, or other farm-related
9 work, including traveling to or from the location of the farm
10 work, provided the driving distance between the point of origin
11 and the destination is no more than fifty miles.

12 Sec. 2. Section 321.194, subsection 2, paragraph a,
13 subparagraph (3), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

14 (3) To a service station for the purpose of refueling, so
15 long as the service station is the station closest to the route
16 on which the licensee is traveling under subparagraph (1), ~~or~~
17 (2), or (03).

18 Sec. 3. Section 321.194, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
19 2020, is amended to read as follows:

20 b. Upon receipt of a statement of necessity, the department
21 shall issue the driver's license provided the applicant is
22 otherwise eligible for issuance of the license. The fact that
23 the applicant resides at a distance less than one mile from the
24 applicant's school of enrollment is prima facie evidence of
25 the nonexistence of necessity for the issuance of a license.
26 However, the distance between the applicant's residence and
27 school of enrollment shall not be considered if the applicant
28 resides on a farm or is employed for compensation on a farm.

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EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 Under current law, a person holding a special minor's
33 driver's license is allowed to operate a motor vehicle during
34 the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. between the licensee's
35 residence, schools of enrollment, bus stops, and sites,

1 facilities, or schools designated by the licensee's district
2 or school of enrollment for the accommodation of the school's
3 extracurricular activities, with certain limitations. This
4 bill allows a person holding a special minor's driver's license
5 who resides on a farm or is employed for compensation on a
6 farm in this state to operate a motor vehicle during the hours
7 of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of assisting the
8 person's parents, guardians, or employers with farm work or in
9 connection with any farm job, employment, or other farm-related
10 work, including traveling to or from the location of the farm
11 work, provided the driving distance between the point of origin
12 and the destination is no more than 50 miles. The bill also
13 allows a licensee to operate a motor vehicle to a service
14 station along the associated routes.

15 Under current law, an application for a special minor's
16 driver's license must be accompanied by a statement from
17 the applicant's school of enrollment certifying that a need
18 exists for the license. The fact that an applicant resides
19 at a distance less than one mile from the applicant's school
20 of enrollment is prima facie evidence of the nonexistence of
21 necessity for the issuance of the license. However, the bill
22 provides that the distance between the applicant's residence
23 and school of enrollment shall not be considered regarding the
24 existence of a necessity if the applicant resides on a farm or
25 is employed for compensation on a farm.

26 A violation of Code section 321.194 is punishable by a
27 scheduled fine of \$50.