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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certain persons exempt from commercial
2 driver's license requirements.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.176A, subsection 2, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. A fire fighter while operating a fire vehicle for a
4 volunteer or paid fire organization, ~~or~~ a peace officer, as
5 defined in [section 801.4](#), while operating a commercial motor
6 vehicle for a law enforcement agency, or a member of the
7 department of homeland security and emergency management or a
8 local emergency management agency, as defined in section 29C.2,
9 while operating a commercial motor vehicle, under conditions
10 necessary to preserve life or property or to execute ~~related~~
11 emergency governmental functions.

12 Sec. 2. Section 321.176A, subsection 7, Code 2022, is
13 amended by striking the subsection.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 Under current law, the following are exempt from commercial
18 driver's license requirements: a farmer or a person working
19 for a farmer under certain circumstances, a fire fighter while
20 operating a fire vehicle or a peace officer while operating a
21 commercial motor vehicle for a law enforcement agency under
22 conditions necessary to preserve life or property or to execute
23 related governmental functions, certain persons in the military
24 when operating commercial motor vehicles for military purposes,
25 a person while operating a motor home solely for personal or
26 family use, a person operating a motor vehicle with a gross
27 vehicle weight rating of less than 26,001 pounds towing a
28 travel trailer solely for personal or family use, a person
29 exempted by department of transportation rules pursuant to
30 Code section 321.176B, and a home care aide operating a motor
31 vehicle in the course of the home care aide's duties.

32 This bill expands the exemption for fire fighters and peace
33 officers to include members of the department of homeland
34 security and emergency management or a local emergency
35 management agency. Under the bill, the exemption applies

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1 when executing emergency governmental functions rather than
2 "related" government functions.

3 The bill strikes the exemption for a home care aide operating
4 a motor vehicle in the course of the home care aide's duties.