

**Senate File 79 - Introduced**

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**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 2021, 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 licensee operates the vehicle over the most  
11 direct and accessible route between the point of origin and  
12 the destination and the driving distance between the point of  
13 origin and the destination is no more than fifty miles.

14 Sec. 2. Section 321.194, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
15 subparagraph (3), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

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

20 Sec. 3. Section 321.194, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
21 2021, is amended to read as follows:

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

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 Under current law, a person holding a special minor's  
35 driver's license is allowed to operate a motor vehicle during

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

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

30 A violation of Code section 321.194 is punishable by a  
31 scheduled fine of \$70.