

**Senate Study Bill 1154 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON WORKFORCE BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON DICKEY)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the driving privileges of persons issued  
2 an instruction permit who are employed, and providing  
3 penalties.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.180B, subsection 1, paragraph c,  
2 Code 2023, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) (a) If the permittee is employed  
4 and holds a current and valid work permit issued pursuant to  
5 chapter 92, the permittee may operate a motor vehicle to and  
6 from work without an accompanying driver between the hours  
7 of 5:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m., provided the driving distance  
8 between the point of origin and the destination is no more than  
9 twenty-five miles, the location of the establishment is a fixed  
10 location and is the only location at which the permittee is  
11 authorized to work for the employer, the permittee carries the  
12 work permit during travel, and the travel is for purposes of  
13 getting to or from the location for employment.

14 (b) For purposes of this subparagraph, a work permit issued  
15 to a permittee under chapter 92 shall still be considered  
16 current and valid even if the permittee, after reaching an  
17 additional year of age, is no longer subject to the work permit  
18 restrictions under chapter 92, provided the permittee carries  
19 an affidavit signed by the permittee's employer, parent, or  
20 guardian stating the permittee is currently employed by the  
21 same employer listed on the work permit.

22 (c) If traveling without an accompanying driver, the  
23 permittee shall not transport any passengers.

24 (d) To operate under this subparagraph, the permittee shall  
25 submit a copy of the permittee's current and valid work permit  
26 issued to the permittee under chapter 92 to the department.

27 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 4, paragraph e, Code  
28 2023, is amended to read as follows:

29 e. (1) Section 321.180B, other than section  
30 321.180B, subsection 1, paragraph "c",  
31 subparagraph (3)..... \$ 70.

32 (2) Section 321.180B, subsection 1, paragraph "c",  
33 subparagraph (3)..... \$ 200.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2       Under current law, persons age 14 to 18 may operate motor  
3 vehicles on highways under a variety of driver's licenses or  
4 permits (Code section 321.178 — restricted license, Code  
5 section 321.180B — graduated licenses, Code section 321.194  
6 — special minor's license, and 321.189 — motorized bicycle  
7 license). Graduated licenses under Code section 321.180B  
8 include a three-step process from instruction permit to  
9 intermediate license to full driver's license. Instruction  
10 permit holders (age 14 to 18) must be accompanied by a certain  
11 type of licensed driver, such as a parent, at all times. For  
12 an intermediate license holder (age 16 or 17), an accompanying  
13 driver is not required between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 12:30  
14 a.m., or between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to and  
15 from school-related extracurricular activities and work if the  
16 licensee possesses a waiver.

17       This bill authorizes a person issued an instruction permit  
18 to drive to and from work without an accompanying driver  
19 between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. if the person  
20 is employed and holds a valid work permit issued pursuant to  
21 Code chapter 92 (child labor), provided the driving distance  
22 between the point of origin and the destination is no more than  
23 25 miles, the location of the work establishment is a fixed  
24 location and is the only location at which the permittee is  
25 authorized to work for the employer, the permittee carries the  
26 work permit during travel, and the travel is for purposes of  
27 getting to or from the location for employment.

28       A work permit is still considered current and valid for  
29 purposes of an instruction permit even after the permittee  
30 reaches an additional year of age and is therefore no longer  
31 subject to the work permit restrictions under Code chapter  
32 92, provided the permittee carries an affidavit signed by the  
33 permittee's employer, parent, or guardian stating the permittee  
34 is currently employed by the same employer listed on the work  
35 permit.

1 A permittee is not authorized to transport passengers  
2 without an accompanying driver.

3 To be authorized to drive to work, the permittee is required  
4 to submit a copy of the work permit to the department of  
5 transportation.

6 In accordance with current law, a permittee is prohibited  
7 from using electronic communication or entertainment devices  
8 while driving.

9 A violation of the bill is punishable by a scheduled fine  
10 of \$200. By operation of law, a violation of the bill is  
11 not considered a moving violation, and therefore cannot be  
12 considered for purposes of administrative suspension of a  
13 driver's license or to establish habitual offender status.