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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to temporary restricted licenses issued to
2 persons whose driver's license is suspended.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.215, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 The department, ~~on application,~~ may issue a temporary
4 restricted license to a person whose noncommercial driver's
5 license is suspended or revoked under this chapter, ~~allowing the~~
6 ~~person to drive to and from the person's home and specified~~
7 ~~places at specified times which can be verified by the department~~
8 ~~and which are required by any of the following:~~ if the person
9 submits an application for the temporary restricted license with
10 the required fee and provides proof the person successfully
11 completed a remedial driver improvement action. A person holding
12 a temporary restricted license may operate a motor vehicle in
13 any manner allowed for a person issued a valid class C driver's
14 license.

15 Sec. 2. Section 321.215, subsection 1, paragraph a,
16 subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6), Code 2026, are
17 amended by striking the subparagraphs.

18 Sec. 3. Section 321.215, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
19 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

20 Sec. 4. Section 321J.20A, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
21 by striking the subsection.

22 Sec. 5. PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TEMPORARY RESTRICTED LICENSES. A
23 person who holds a temporary restricted license that was issued
24 under section 321.215, Code 2026, before the effective date
25 of this Act shall not be required to successfully complete a
26 remedial driver improvement action and may continue to operate a
27 motor vehicle in accordance with section 321.215, Code 2026, on
28 and after the effective date of this Act.

29 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 whose driver's license is
33 suspended or revoked under Code chapter 321 (motor vehicles and
34 law of the road) may apply to the department of transportation
35 (DOT) for a temporary restricted license (TRL), and the DOT may

1 issue a TRL that authorizes the person to drive to and from the
2 person's home and specified places at specified times which can
3 be verified by the DOT and which are required by the person's
4 full-time or part-time employment, the person's continuing health
5 care or the continuing health care of another who is dependent
6 upon the person, the person's continuing education, the person's
7 substance use disorder treatment, the person's court-ordered
8 community service responsibilities, or the person's appointments
9 with the person's parole or probation officer. A person who is
10 issued a TRL under Code section 321J.20 for an operating while
11 intoxicated violation is allowed to operate a motor vehicle in
12 any manner allowed for a person issued a valid class C driver's
13 license, unless otherwise provided, but is required to install an
14 ignition interlock device before receiving a TRL.

15 This bill authorizes the DOT to issue a TRL to a person whose
16 noncommercial driver's license is suspended or revoked under Code
17 chapter 321 if the person submits an application for the TRL
18 with the required fee and provides proof the person successfully
19 completed a remedial driver improvement action. The bill strikes
20 the specified place and time restrictions, and instead makes a
21 TRL valid for the person to operate a motor vehicle in any manner
22 allowed for a person issued a valid class C driver's license.

23 The bill does not amend the prohibition on issuing a TRL
24 for certain violations described under Code section 321.215(1)(b)
25 or the eligibility of a person to apply for a TRL for certain
26 violations that would otherwise make the person ineligible for a
27 TRL in cases of hardship.

28 The bill makes conforming changes by striking requirements
29 for a person who receives a TRL due to a hardship or without
30 installing an ignition interlock device because the person has a
31 medical waiver to only operate a motor vehicle in accordance with
32 the specific places and specific times that are stricken by the
33 bill.

34 In accordance with current law, a TRL must be canceled upon
35 conviction of a moving traffic violation or upon a violation

1 of a term of the license, and a TRL is not valid to operate
2 a commercial motor vehicle if a commercial driver's license
3 or commercial learner's permit is required for the person's
4 operation of the commercial motor vehicle.

5 The bill does not require a person holding a TRL that was
6 issued before July 1, 2026, to successfully complete a remedial
7 driver improvement action and authorizes the person to continue
8 to operate a motor vehicle in accordance with the current
9 restrictions on and after July 1, 2026.

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