

House File 2628 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2113)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the driving privileges of persons under
2 the age of eighteen who were previously issued a special
3 minor's restricted license that was subsequently suspended,
4 and including applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.194, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. As a result of the suspension, the department shall not
4 issue an intermediate license under section 321.180B, subsection
5 2, for an additional three months to a person whose special
6 minor's restricted license was suspended under this subsection,
7 per violation, following the person's sixteenth birthday.
8 However, during the suspension period, the department may issue
9 an instruction permit under section 321.180B, subsection 1, if
10 the person whose special minor's restricted license was suspended
11 applies for an instruction permit, is otherwise eligible to be
12 issued an instruction permit, and pays the required fee.

13 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies on and after March
14 1, 2027, or the publication date of the issue of the Iowa
15 administrative bulletin that includes a statement by the director
16 of transportation that the department of transportation's new
17 driver's license information technology system is implemented,
18 whichever is earlier. The department shall forward a copy of the
19 statement to the Iowa Code editor prior to publication.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 Under current law, a person between the ages of 14 and 18
24 who holds a special minor's restricted license (licensee) is
25 authorized to operate a motor vehicle without supervision between
26 certain approved locations for a number of purposes during
27 specified times. If a licensee violates the restrictions of a
28 special minor's restricted license, is at fault in an accident
29 or collision, or is convicted for violating a state law or city
30 ordinance regulating the operation of motor vehicles on highways,
31 other than parking violations, the department of transportation
32 (DOT) is required to suspend the license for three months and is
33 prohibited from issuing an intermediate license to the person for
34 an additional three months following the person's 16th birthday.

35 This bill authorizes the DOT to issue an instruction permit to

1 a person whose special minor's restricted license is suspended.
2 An instruction permit entitles a person under the age of 18 to
3 operate a motor vehicle upon the highways while accompanied. The
4 accompanying person must occupy the front seat beside the driver,
5 hold a driver's license valid for the vehicle operated, and be
6 the parent, guardian, or custodian of the permittee, a member
7 of the permittee's immediate family if the family member is at
8 least 21 years of age, an approved driver education instructor,
9 a prospective driver education instructor who is enrolled in a
10 practitioner preparation program with a safety education program
11 approved by the state board of education, or a person at least
12 25 years of age if written permission is granted by the parent,
13 guardian, or custodian. The fee for an instruction permit is \$6.
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15 publication date of the issue of the Iowa administrative bulletin
16 that includes a statement by the director of transportation that
17 the DOT's new driver's license information technology system
18 is implemented, whichever is earlier. The DOT is required to
19 forward a copy of the statement to the Iowa Code editor prior to
20 publication.