

**House File 574 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 202)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the driving privileges of unsupervised persons  
2 issued a special minor's restricted driver's license, and  
3 making penalties applicable.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.194, subsection 2, Code 2025, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. *Consent — employment and established place of religious*  
4 *worship.* Prior to being authorized to operate a motor vehicle  
5 unsupervised to a place of employment, ~~or~~ a location for  
6 farm-related work while employed to work on a farm, or an  
7 established place of religious worship, the applicant's parent or  
8 guardian must complete a written consent form prescribed by the  
9 department.

10 a. The written consent form must include, at minimum, the  
11 name and address of the applicant's current place of employment,  
12 ~~or~~ primary farm location, or established place of religious  
13 worship, as applicable.

14 b. If the place of employment, ~~or~~ primary farm location, or  
15 established place of religious worship changes, the parent or  
16 guardian must complete a new written consent form prior to the  
17 licensee being authorized to operate a motor vehicle unsupervised  
18 to the new location.

19 c. While a licensee is operating a motor vehicle as described  
20 in this subsection, the licensee shall carry a copy of the  
21 written consent form in the vehicle and present the form for  
22 inspection upon request by a certified peace officer.

23 Sec. 2. Section 321.194, subsection 4, paragraph b,  
24 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

25 A licensee may operate a motor vehicle unsupervised over  
26 the most direct and accessible route between the licensee's  
27 residence, school of enrollment, location where the licensee  
28 receives competent private instruction or independent private  
29 instruction, place of employment, location for farm work or  
30 farm-related work if the licensee resides on a farm or is  
31 employed for compensation on a farm in this state, established  
32 place of religious worship, and the closest service station,  
33 for any of the following purposes, as applicable, provided the  
34 driving distance between the point of origin and the destination  
35 is no more than twenty-five miles, and the licensee is in

1 immediate possession of the license card:

2 Sec. 3. Section 321.194, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code  
3 2025, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

4 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (06) To attend religious worship services  
5 or participate in volunteer service programs at the licensee's  
6 established place of religious worship, if approved by the  
7 licensee's parent or guardian pursuant to subsection 2.

8 Sec. 4. Section 321.194, subsection 5, paragraphs a and e,  
9 Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

10 a. Operate the motor vehicle except during the hour before  
11 and after the beginning and end of the licensee's duly scheduled  
12 courses of instruction, extracurricular activities, work shift,  
13 farm work, ~~or~~ farm-related work, religious worship service, or  
14 volunteer service program, as applicable.

15 e. Operate a motor vehicle to the licensee's place of  
16 employment, ~~or~~ location for farm work or farm-related work, or  
17 established place of religious worship unless the licensee's  
18 parent or guardian completed a written consent form and the form  
19 is carried in the motor vehicle and available for inspection in  
20 accordance with subsection 2.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 Under current law, a person between the ages of 14 and 18 is  
25 authorized to operate a motor vehicle without supervision between  
26 certain approved locations, for certain activities, and during  
27 certain times if the person (licensee) holds a special minor's  
28 restricted license. Certain further restrictions exist for some  
29 licensees, including a requirement that the licensee's parent or  
30 guardian must complete a written consent form prescribed by the  
31 department of transportation prior to the licensee operating a  
32 vehicle unsupervised to a place of employment. The consent form  
33 must be carried by the licensee in the vehicle while operating  
34 the vehicle unsupervised and the licensee must present the form  
35 for inspection upon request by a certified peace officer.

1 This bill adds established places of religious worship to  
2 the list of approved driving locations. The bill authorizes a  
3 licensee to operate a motor vehicle for the purposes of attending  
4 religious worship services or participating in volunteer service  
5 programs at the licensee's established place of religious worship  
6 during the hour before and after the service or program. The  
7 licensee's parent or guardian must complete a consent form  
8 including the location of the established place of religious  
9 worship, the form must be carried by the licensee in the vehicle  
10 while operating the vehicle unsupervised, and the licensee must  
11 present the form for inspection upon request by a certified peace  
12 officer. In accordance with current law, the driving distance  
13 between the point of origin and the destination cannot be more  
14 than 25 miles.

15 A licensee who violates the restrictions of a special minor's  
16 restricted license commits a simple misdemeanor, classified  
17 as a moving violation, punishable by a \$70 scheduled fine.  
18 Additionally, the department of transportation must suspend the  
19 license for three months and is prohibited from issuing an  
20 intermediate license to the person for an additional three months  
21 following the person's sixteenth birthday.