

Senate File 37 - Introduced

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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 4, paragraph b,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 A licensee may operate a motor vehicle unsupervised over
4 the most direct and accessible route between the licensee's
5 residence, school of enrollment, location where the licensee
6 receives competent private instruction or independent private
7 instruction, place of employment, location for farm work or
8 farm-related work if the licensee resides on a farm or is
9 employed for compensation on a farm in this state, established
10 place of religious worship, and the closest service station,
11 for any of the following purposes, as applicable, provided the
12 driving distance between the point of origin and the destination
13 is no more than twenty-five miles, and the licensee is in
14 immediate possession of the license card:

15 Sec. 2. Section 321.194, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
16 2025, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

17 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (06) To attend religious worship services
18 or participate in volunteer service programs at the licensee's
19 established place of religious worship.

20 Sec. 3. Section 321.194, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
21 2025, is amended to read as follows:

22 a. Operate the motor vehicle except during the hour before
23 and after the beginning and end of the licensee's duly scheduled
24 courses of instruction, extracurricular activities, work shift,
25 farm work, ~~or~~ farm-related work, religious worship service, or
26 volunteer service program, as applicable.

27 EXPLANATION

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

30 Under current law, a person between the ages of 14 and 18 is
31 authorized to operate a motor vehicle without supervision between
32 certain approved locations, for certain activities, and during
33 certain times if the person (licensee) holds a special minor's
34 restricted license.

35 This bill adds established places of religious worship to

1 the list of approved driving locations. The bill authorizes a
2 licensee to operate a motor vehicle for the purposes of attending
3 religious worship services or participating in volunteer service
4 programs at the licensee's established place of religious worship
5 during the hour before and after the service or program. In
6 accordance with current law, the driving distance between the
7 point of origin and the destination cannot be more than 25 miles.

8 A licensee who violates the restrictions of a special minor's
9 restricted license commits a simple misdemeanor, classified
10 as a moving violation, punishable by a \$70 scheduled fine.
11 Additionally, the department of transportation must suspend the
12 license for three months and is prohibited from issuing an
13 intermediate license to the person for an additional three months
14 following the person's sixteenth birthday.

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