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

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

22 EXPLANATION

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

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

1 issuing an intermediate license to the person for an additional
2 three months following the person's 16th birthday.

3 This bill authorizes the DOT to issue an instruction permit
4 to a person whose special minor's restricted license is
5 suspended. An instruction permit entitles a person under the
6 age of 18 to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways while
7 accompanied. The accompanying person must occupy the front
8 seat beside the driver, hold a driver's license valid for the
9 vehicle operated, and be the parent, guardian, or custodian of
10 the permittee, a member of the permittee's immediate family
11 if the family member is at least 21 years of age, an approved
12 driver education instructor, a prospective driver education
13 instructor who is enrolled in a practitioner preparation
14 program with a safety education program approved by the state
15 board of education, or a person at least 25 years of age if
16 written permission is granted by the parent, guardian, or
17 custodian. The fee for an instruction permit is \$6.

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19 publication date of the issue of the Iowa administrative
20 bulletin that includes a statement by the director of
21 transportation that the DOT's new driver's license information
22 technology system is implemented, whichever is earlier. The
23 DOT is required to forward a copy of the statement to the Iowa
24 Code editor prior to publication.