

**CHAPTER 1215**  
**DRIVER EDUCATION LABORATORY INSTRUCTION**  
*H.F. 2090*

**AN ACT** relating to the hours of laboratory instruction required for completion of a driver education course.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 321.178, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

An approved driver education course as programmed by the department of public instruction shall consist of at least thirty clock hours of classroom instruction, and six or more clock hours of laboratory instruction of which at least three clock hours shall consist of street or highway driving. After the student has completed three clock hours of street or highway driving and has demonstrated to the instructor an ability to properly operate a motor vehicle and upon written request of a parent or guardian, the instructor may waive the remaining required laboratory instruction.

Sec. 2. Section 321.178, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

Every public school district in Iowa shall offer or make available to all students residing in the school district or Iowa students attending a nonpublic school in the district an approved course in driver education. ~~Said~~ The courses may be offered at sites other than at the public school, including nonpublic school facilities within the public school districts. An approved course offered during the summer months, on Saturdays, after regular school hours during the regular terms or partly in one term or summer vacation period and partly in the succeeding term or summer vacation period, as the case may be, shall satisfy the requirements of this section to the same extent as an approved course offered during the regular school hours of the school term. A student who successfully completes and obtains certification in an approved course in driver education or an approved course in motorcycle education may, upon proof of such fact, be excused from any field test which ~~he~~ the student would otherwise be required to take in demonstrating ~~his~~ the student's ability to operate a motor vehicle.

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