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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for reduced automobile insurance premiums for  
2 older adults who complete a certified driver safety education  
3 course.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.179 DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION  
2 PROGRAM.

3 1. The department, in consultation with the department of  
4 public safety, shall provide for the establishment of  
5 certified driver safety education courses to be offered  
6 throughout the state. The department shall establish by rule  
7 requirements relating to curriculum, hours of instruction,  
8 instructor qualifications, and any other matters deemed  
9 appropriate by the department. The rules shall provide for  
10 the administration of a written test and issuance of a  
11 certificate to demonstrate a person's successful completion of  
12 the course for purposes of qualifying for an automobile  
13 insurance premium discount under section 516B.4.

14 2. The department may establish refresher courses based on  
15 the curriculum offered in the driver safety education course.  
16 A person who successfully completes a refresher course  
17 approved by the department within three years of obtaining a  
18 driver safety education certificate under subsection 1 shall  
19 be issued a new certificate. For the purpose of maintaining  
20 eligibility for an automobile insurance premium discount under  
21 section 516B.4, a person may continue to be recertified by  
22 successfully completing a refresher course every three years.

23 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 516B.4 SENIOR DRIVER INSURANCE  
24 PREMIUM DISCOUNT.

25 1. The commissioner shall require that beginning January  
26 1, 2006, an insurance company transacting business in this  
27 state shall provide a premium reduction of at least ten  
28 percent for an automobile insurance policy, as defined in  
29 section 515D.2, issued to a person fifty-five years of age or  
30 older who has completed a certified driver safety education  
31 course or refresher course within the last three years, as  
32 evidenced by a certificate issued pursuant to section 321.179.  
33 If the person entitled to the discounted rate is insured under  
34 a policy covering more than one driver, the amount of the  
35 premium reduction may be prorated according to the number of

1 insureds covered under the policy who qualify for the lowered  
2 premium.

3 2. The premium reduction required under subsection 1 may  
4 be revoked for a person who is involved in a motor vehicle  
5 accident during the period of the premium reduction if it is  
6 found that the person committed a violation of chapter 321  
7 that was a contributing factor in the accident.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill requires the state department of transportation,  
10 in consultation with the department of public safety, to  
11 establish certified driver safety education courses to be  
12 offered throughout the state. A person who successfully  
13 completes a driver safety education course shall be issued a  
14 certificate.

15 The commissioner of insurance shall require, beginning  
16 January 1, 2006, that insurers transacting business in this  
17 state must provide a 10 percent automobile insurance premium  
18 reduction for persons 55 years of age or older who have  
19 obtained a driver safety education course certificate within  
20 the last three years. The premium reduction may be prorated,  
21 based on the number of insureds under the policy who qualify  
22 for the discount. In addition, the insurer may revoke the  
23 discount for a person who is involved in a motor vehicle  
24 accident if a violation of the state's motor vehicle laws is a  
25 contributing factor in the accident.

26 The bill authorizes the department of transportation to  
27 develop refresher courses which may be taken by a person in  
28 lieu of the full driver safety education course in order to  
29 continue to qualify for the insurance premium reduction.

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