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House File 294

February 17, 1946.
Motor Vehicles and Transportation.

By STEINBERG.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred seventy-seven (321.177), Code 1946, relating to chauffeurs licenses for minors.

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

1 Section 1. Amend section three hundred twenty-one point
2 one hundred seventy-seven (321.177), Code 1946, by striking
3 the word "fifteen" in line four (4) of sub-section two (2)
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "sixteen".

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point one
2 hundred seventy-eight (321.178), Code 1946, is hereby
3 repealed.

1 Sec. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage
3 and publication in the Iowa Falls Citizen,
4 a newspaper published at Iowa Falls, Iowa,
5 and in the Hardin County Index, a
6 newspaper published at Eldora, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 294

The Fiftieth General Assembly enacted, or rather amended, paragraph 2, reducing the minimum age for limited licenses from sixteen to fifteen years, as a war time measure. This legislation was desirable at that time in order to relieve the manpower shortage during the years in which we were engaged in warfare. It was intended at the time the bill was written to include such words as might automatically terminate the more lenient minimum age requirements at the cessation of hostilities.

For some reason or other, this provision was not included with the bill, therefore, it is still in force and effect. The bill as written, if enacted, will permit sixteen year old applicants to apply for a chauffeur's license to operate a panel truck, pickup, or special delivery truck if the truck is designed to hold not more than 2,000 pounds.

Section 321.178 was also a wartime enactment, which reduced the minimum age requirements for chauffeur's operating large trucks, excepting to transporting persons for hire, inflammables, or explosives. This section, if repealed, would automatically increase the minimum age requirements back to the original statute, wherein the chauffeur must be at least eighteen years of age, as provided for in paragraph 2 of section 321.177, Code 1946.