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HOUSE FILE 2484
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2219)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle seat belt exemptions.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

HF 2484

HOUSE FILE 2484

H-8180

1 Amend House File 2484 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 18, by inserting after the word
3 "department." the following: "A window decal or
4 placard issued pursuant to this paragraph shall only
5 be displayed on a motor vehicle when the motor vehicle
6 is being used by the person to whom the window decal
7 or placard was issued, either as an operator or
8 passenger. A person who displays a window decal or
9 placard on a motor vehicle when the person to whom the
10 window decal or placard was issued is not in the motor
11 vehicle as an operator or passenger, violates this
12 section."

By BAUDLER of Adair

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1 Section 1. Section 321.445, subsection 2, paragraph e,
2 Code Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. A person possessing a written certification from a
4 health care provider licensed under chapter 148, 150, 150A, or
5 151 on a form provided by the department that the person is
6 unable to wear a safety belt or safety harness due to physical
7 or medical reasons. The certification shall specify the time
8 period for which the exemption applies. ~~The time period shall~~
9 ~~not exceed twelve months, at which time a new certification~~
10 ~~may be issued unless the certifying health care provider is~~
11 ~~from a United States military facility, in which case the~~
12 ~~certificate may specify a longer period of time or a permanent~~
13 ~~exemption.~~ The department shall make available to a person
14 possessing a written certification under this paragraph a
15 window decal or placard that may be placed in the window of a
16 vehicle being operated by the person to indicate the person's
17 exemption from the requirements of this subsection pursuant to
18 rules adopted by the department.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides for the creation of a removable seat
21 belt exemption window decal or placard for display in the
22 window of a motor vehicle by persons who are exempt from the
23 requirements of Code section 321.445 for seat belt or safety
24 harness use due to physical or medical reasons certified by a
25 health care provider.

26 The bill also allows a person to be permanently exempted
27 from the seat belt or safety harness requirement pursuant to
28 any health care provider's certification. Currently, a person
29 is required to obtain a new certification every 12 months
30 unless the certifying health care provider is from a United
31 States military facility.

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