

## CHAPTER 294

## EMERGENCY VEHICLES

H. F. 289

AN ACT relating to drivers of emergency vehicles.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred  
2 ninety-six (321.496), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding in line  
3 two (2) after the word "town" the following: "or members of the  
4 police and/or fire departments".

Approved April 13, 1965.

## CHAPTER 295

## DRIVER'S LICENSE INTERSTATE COMPACTS

H. F. 607

AN ACT to enable Iowa to enter into the interstate driver license compact with other states and to designate an administrator for the compact.

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

1 SECTION 1. The commissioner of public safety is hereby author-  
2 ized to enter into drivers license compacts with other jurisdictions  
3 legally joining therein in substantially the following form.  
4 The contracting states agree:

5 ARTICLE I—*Findings and Declaration of Policy*

6 a. The party states find that:

7 1. The safety of their streets and highways is materially affected  
8 by the degree of compliance with state laws and local ordinances  
9 relating to the operation of motor vehicles.

10 2. Violation of such a law or ordinance is evidence that the violator  
11 engages in conduct which is likely to endanger the safety of persons  
12 and property.

13 3. The continuance in force of a license to drive is predicated upon  
14 compliance with laws and ordinances relating to the operation of  
15 motor vehicles, in whichever jurisdiction the vehicle is operated.

16 b. It is the policy of each of the party states to:

17 1. Promote compliance with the laws, ordinances, and administra-  
18 tive rules and regulations relating to the operation of motor vehicles  
19 by their operators in each of the jurisdictions where such operators  
20 drive motor vehicles.

21 2. Make the reciprocal recognition of licenses to drive and eligibil-  
22 ity therefor more just and equitable by considering the overall com-  
23 pliance with motor vehicle laws, ordinances and administrative rules  
24 and regulations as a condition precedent to the continuance or issu-  
25 ance of any license by reason of which the licensee is authorized or  
26 permitted to operate a motor vehicle in any of the party states.

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ARTICLE II—*Definitions*

28 As used in this compact:

29 a. "State" means a state, territory or possession of the United  
30 States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.31 b. "Home state" means the state which has issued and has the  
32 power to suspend or revoke the use of the license or permit to operate  
33 a motor vehicle.34 c. "Conviction" means a conviction of any offense related to the  
35 use or operation of a motor vehicle which is prohibited by state law,  
36 municipal ordinance or administrative rule or regulation, or a forfe-  
37 forfeiture of bail, bond or other security deposited to secure appearance  
38 by a person charged with having committed any such offense, and  
39 which conviction or forfeiture is required to be reported to the licens-  
40 ing authority.

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ARTICLE III—*Reports of Conviction*42 The licensing authority of a party state shall report each convic-  
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44 tion to the licensing authority of the home state of the licensee.  
45 Such report shall clearly identify the person convicted; describe the  
46 violation specifying the section of the statute, code or ordinance vio-  
47 lated; identify the court in which action was taken; indicate whether  
48 a plea of guilty or not guilty was entered, or the conviction was a  
49 result of the forfeiture of bail, bond or other security; and shall in-  
50 clude any special findings made in connection therewith.

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ARTICLE IV—*Effect of Conviction*52 a. The licensing authority in the home state, for the purposes of  
53 suspension, revocation or limitation of the license to operate a motor  
54 vehicle, shall give the same effect to the conduct reported, pursuant  
55 to Article III of this compact, as it would if such conduct had oc-  
56 curred in the home state, in the case of convictions for:57 1. Manslaughter or negligent homicide resulting from the opera-  
58 tion of a motor vehicle;59 2. Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicat-  
60 ing liquor or a narcotic drug, or under the influence of any other drug  
61 to a degree which renders the driver incapable of safely driving a  
62 motor vehicle;

63 3. Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used;

64 4. Failure to stop and render aid in the event of a motor vehicle  
65 accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another.66 b. As to other convictions, reported pursuant to Article III, the  
67 licensing authority in the home state shall give such effect to the  
68 conduct as is provided by the laws of the home state.69 c. If the laws of a party state do not provide for offenses or viola-  
70 tions denominated or described in precisely the words employed in  
71 subdivision "a" of this article, such party state shall construe the  
72 denominations and descriptions appearing in subdivision "a" hereof  
73 as being applicable to and identifying those offenses or violations of  
74 a substantially similar nature, and the laws of such party state shall  
75 contain such provisions as may be necessary to ensure that full force  
76 and effect is given to this article.

77 ARTICLE V—*Applications for New Licenses*

78 Upon application for a license to drive, the licensing authority in a  
 79 party state shall ascertain whether the applicant has ever held, or is  
 80 the holder of a license to drive issued by any other party state. The  
 81 licensing authority in the state where application is made shall not  
 82 issue a license to drive to the applicant if:

83 1. The applicant has held such a license, but the same has been  
 84 suspended by reason, in whole or in part, of a violation and if such  
 85 suspension period has not terminated.

86 2. The applicant has held such a license, but the same has been  
 87 revoked by reason, in whole or in part, of a violation and if such  
 88 revocation has not terminated, except that after the expiration of one  
 89 year from the date the license was revoked, such person may make  
 90 application for a new license if permitted by law. The licensing  
 91 authority may refuse to issue a license to any such applicant if, after  
 92 investigation, the licensing authority determines that it will not be  
 93 safe to grant to such person the privilege of driving a motor vehicle  
 94 on the public highways.

95 3. The applicant is the holder of a license to drive issued by an-  
 96 other party state and currently in force unless the applicant surren-  
 97 ders such license.

98 ARTICLE VI—*Applicability of Other Laws*

99 Except as expressly required by provisions of this compact, nothing  
 100 contained herein shall be construed to affect the right of any party  
 101 state to apply any of its other laws relating to licenses to drive to any  
 102 person or circumstance, nor to invalidate or prevent any driver  
 103 license agreement or other co-operative arrangement between a party  
 104 state and a nonparty state.

## 105 ARTICLE VII

106 *Compact Administrator and Interchange of Information*

107 a. The head of the licensing authority of each party state shall be  
 108 the administrator of this compact for his state. The administrators,  
 109 acting jointly, shall have the power to formulate all necessary and  
 110 property procedures for the exchange of information under this  
 111 compact.

112 b. The administrator of each party state shall furnish to the ad-  
 113 ministrator of each other party state any information or documents  
 114 reasonably necessary to facilitate the administration of this compact.

115 ARTICLE VIII—*Entry Into Force and Withdrawal*

116 a. This compact shall enter into force and become effective as to  
 117 any state when it has enacted the same into law.

118 b. Any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting  
 119 a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect  
 120 until six months after the executive head of the withdrawing state  
 121 has given notice of the withdrawal to the executive heads of all other  
 122 party states. No withdrawal shall affect the validity or applicability  
 123 by the licensing authorities of states remaining party to the compact  
 124 of any report of conviction occurring prior to the withdrawal.

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ARTICLE IX—*Construction and Severability*126  
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This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable.

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SEC. 2. The agencies and officers of this state and its subdivisions and municipalities shall enforce this compact and do all things appropriate to effect its purpose and intent which may be within their respective jurisdictions.

Approved June 3, 1965.

## CHAPTER 296

## VEHICLE EQUIPMENT SAFETY COMPACT

H. F. 606

AN ACT to enable Iowa to enter into the vehicle equipment safety compact with other states and to designate a commissioner to administer the compact.

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

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SECTION 1. The commissioner of public safety is hereby authorized to enter into vehicle equipment safety compacts with other jurisdictions legally joining therein in substantially the following form.

The contracting states agree:

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ARTICLE I—*Findings and purposes*6  
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a. The party states find that:

1. Accidents and deaths on their streets and highways present a very serious human and economic problem with a major deleterious effect on the public welfare.

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2. There is a vital need for the development of greater interjurisdictional co-operation to achieve the necessary uniformity in the laws, rules, regulations and codes relating to vehicle equipment, and to accomplish this by such means as will minimize the time between the development of demonstrably and scientifically sound safety features and their incorporation into vehicles.

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b. The purposes of this compact are to:

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1. Promote uniformity in regulation of and standards for equipment.

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2. Secure uniformity of law and administrative practice in vehicular regulation and related safety standards to permit incorporation of desirable equipment changes in vehicles in the interest of greater traffic safety.

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3. To provide means for the encouragement and utilization of research which will facilitate the achievement of the foregoing purposes, with due regard for the findings set forth in subdivision "a" of this article.

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c. It is the intent of this compact to emphasize performance requirements and not to determine the specific detail of engineering in the manufacture of vehicles or equipment except to the extent necessary for the meeting of such performance requirements.