

## CHAPTER 81

### SNOW AND ICE TREATMENT AND REMOVAL — LIGHTING DEVICES AND REFLECTORS

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**AN ACT** relating to the use of blue and white lighting devices and reflectors during snow and ice treatment and removal, making penalties applicable, and including sunset date provisions.

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

Section 1. Section 321.323A, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

The operator of a motor vehicle approaching a stationary towing or recovery vehicle, a stationary utility maintenance vehicle, a stationary municipal maintenance vehicle, or a stationary highway maintenance vehicle, that is displaying flashing yellow, amber, blue, white, or red lights, shall approach the vehicle with due caution and shall proceed in one of the following manners, absent any other direction by a peace officer:

Sec. 2. Section 321.393, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new subsection:  
NEW SUBSECTION. 5. *a.* The provisions of [this section](#) shall not prohibit the use of a lighting device or reflector displaying an amber, white, or blue light when the lighting device or reflector is rear-facing and mounted on a motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department while the equipment is being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways.

*b.* [This subsection](#) is repealed on July 1, 2019.

Sec. 3. Section 321.423, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) (a) A motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department if the blue light is rear-facing and used in conjunction with amber and white lighting devices or reflectors while the equipment is being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways.

(b) This subparagraph (4) is repealed on July 1, 2019.

Sec. 4. Section 321.423, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) (a) On a motor truck, trailer, tractor, truck-mounted snow blower, or motor grader owned by the department if the white light is rear-facing and used in conjunction with amber and blue lighting devices or reflectors while the equipment is being used for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways.

(b) This subparagraph (4) is repealed on July 1, 2019.

Sec. 5. **USE OF BLUE AND WHITE LIGHTING DEVICES — REPORT.** The department of transportation shall document the effectiveness of displaying blue and white lighting devices on equipment used by the department for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways. The department shall utilize existing staff and accident reporting systems to perform the documentation. Before July 1, 2019, the department shall submit a report to the general assembly containing the documentation.

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