

February 14, 1955.  
Roads and Highways.

**House File 319**  
By JOHNS, HENRY, CHRISTIANSEN,  
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ENS and NOVAK.

Passed House, Date.....4-15-55.....  
Vote: Ayes.....76..... Nays.....21.....  
Passed Senate, Date.....April 25 1955.....  
Vote: Ayes.....56..... N vs. 0.....  
Approved .....

## A L L F O R

An Act relating to the power of certain cities to levy taxes for the construction, repair and maintenance of bridges, viaducts, and underpasses, and the power to construct, repair and maintain bridges, viaducts and underpasses.

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

1. Section 1. Section three hundred nine point three (309.3),

2. Code 1954, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "levies"

3. in line six (6) thereof the words "by and through the street

4. fund".

1. Sec. 2. Section three hundred nine point six (309.6),

2. Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking the period after the

3. word "levies" in the last line thereof and adding the words

4. "by and through the street fund".

1. Sec. 3. Section three hundred nine point eleven (309.11),

2. Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking the words "and towns"

3. in line three (3) of subsection one (1) thereof, and by adding

4. after the word "levies" in the last line of said subsection

5. one (1) the words "by and through the street fund".

1. Sec. 4. Section three hundred eighty-one point one (381.1),

2 Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding after the word "Cities"  
3 in line one (1) paragraph three (3) thereof the following:  
4 "having a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) and  
5 over, and any other city which borders on or is traversed by  
6 a stream over two hundred (200) feet in width from shore line  
7 to shore line, and any other city which has within its corporate  
8 limits at least twelve (12) bridges used by motor vehicle traffic".

1 Sec. 5. Section three hundred eighty-one point seven (381.7),  
2 Code 1954, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "cities"  
3 in line one (1) thereof the following:

4 "having a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) and  
5 over, and any other city which borders on or is traversed by  
6 a stream over two hundred (200) feet in width from shore line  
7 to shore line, and any other city which has within its corporate  
8 limits at least twelve (12) bridges used by motor vehicle traffic".

1 Sec. 6. Section three hundred eighty-one point seven (381.7),  
2 Code 1954, is hereby further amended by adding after the word  
3 "corporations" in line two (2) of paragraph four (4) thereof the  
4 following:

5 "having a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) and over,  
6 and any other city which borders on or is traversed by a stream  
7 over two hundred (200) feet in width from shore line to shore  
8 line, and any other city which has within its corporate limits  
9 at least twelve (12) bridges used by motor vehicle traffic,".

1 Sec. 7. Section four hundred four point seven (404.7),  
2 subsection eight (8), Code 1954, is hereby amended by inserting

3 after the word "purposes" in line one (1) of subsection eight (8)  
4 the following:  
5 "in cities having a population of fifteen thousand (15,000)  
6 and over, and any other city which borders on or is traversed  
7 by a stream over two hundred (200) feet in width from shore  
8 line to shore line, and any other city which has within its  
9 corporate limits at least twelve (12) bridges used by motor  
10 vehicle traffic".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 319

This bill places the construction, control and care of bridges in cities under 15,000 in population and certain other cities, under the county bridge system, and removes the burden of the costs involved from the small community.

The present provisions in the Code, enacted by the 54th and 55th General Assemblies, have placed severe hardships on the small towns which cannot raise enough money by taxes to repair bridges in many instances, and to construct new bridges is an impossibility.

It is conceivable that floods could destroy bridges, and not being able to replace the destroyed bridges, the town would be inaccessible by roads and completely isolated.

- 1 Amend the title to House File 319 by striking all after the word
- 2 "Act" in the
- 3 first line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 4 "relating to the use of secondary road construction and
- 5 maintenance funds for the construction and maintenance of bridges
- 6 in certain cities and towns."

Offered and adopted  
April 15, 1955.

RIEHM of Hancock.

- 1 Amend House File 319 by striking all after the enacting
- 2 clause and substituting in lieu thereof the following:
- 3 Section 1. Section three hundred nine point ten (309.10),
- 4 Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
- 5 subsection:
- 6 "The payment of all or part of the cost of construction of
- 7 bridges in cities and towns having a population of eight thousand
- 8 (8,000) or less."
- 9 Sec. 2. Section three hundred nine point thirteen (309.13),
- 10 Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
- 11 subsection:
- 12 "To the payment of all or part of the cost of maintaining
- 13 bridges in cities and towns having a population of eight thousand
- 14 (8,000) or less".

Filed and adopted  
April 15, 1955.

RIEHM of Hancock.  
WALTER of Hardin.  
JOHNS of Tama.  
EDGINGTON of Franklin.

- 1 1. Amend section two (2) of House File 319 by striking the
- 2 period (.) after the word "fund" and adding thereto
- 3 the following:
- 4 "and except on all property within cities or towns
- 5 of less than 15,000 population which have no bridges."
- 6 2. Amend section three (3) of House File 319 by striking the
- 7 period (.) after the word "fund" and adding thereto
- 8 the following:
- 9 "and except on all property within cities or towns
- 10 of less than 15,000 population which have no bridges."

Filed  
April 13, 1955.

RIEHM of Hancock.

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- 1 Amend House File 319 as follows
  - 2 1. Section 1, line 6, by striking the period (.) and inserting in lieu
  - 3 thereof the following: "and all or part of the cost of construction
  - 4 of roads located within an incorporated village which lead to state
  - 5 parks."
  - 6 2. Section 2, line 6, by striking the period (.) and inserting in lieu
  - 7 thereof the following: "and all or part of the cost of construction
  - 8 of roads located within an incorporated village which lead to state
  - 9 parks."

Filed  
April 25, 1955.

By WATSON of O'Brien.

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- 1 Amend House File 319 as follows:
  - 2 1. Section 1, line 6, by striking the period (.) and inserting in lieu
  - 3 thereof the following: "and all or part of the cost of construction of
  - 4 roads located within an incorporated town of less than four hundred
  - 5 (400) population which lead to state parks."
  - 6 2. Section 2, line 6, by striking the period (.) and inserting in lieu
  - 7 thereof the following: "and all or part of the cost of construction
  - 8 of roads located within an incorporated town of less than four
  - 9 (400) population which lead to state parks." hundred

Filed  
April 26, 1955.

By WATSON of O'Brien.

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- 1 Amend the title to House File 319, line 3, by inserting after
  - 2 the word "bridges" the words "and roads".

Filed and adopted  
April 28, 1955.

By DEWEL.

