

February 22, 1955.
Passed on File.

House File 402
By COMMITTEE ON SAFETY AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT

Passed House, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1954, relating to speed restrictions of motor vehicles.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two
2 hundred eighty-five (321.285), Code 1954, is amended by adding
3 thereto the following:

4 Sixty-five (65) miles per hour in the daytime on a highway
5 outside the limits of cities and towns.

6 Fifty-five (55) miles per hour in the nighttime on a highway
7 outside the limits of cities and towns.

8 For the purposes of this section, "daytime" shall mean one-
9 half hour before sunrise to sunset, and "nighttime" shall mean
10 sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

11 Nothing in this section shall prevent the state highway
12 commission from setting lower speed limits to insure safe driving,
13 as provided in section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
14 ninety (321.90) of the Code.

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
2 eighty-five (321.285), Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding to

3 subsection four (4) thereof the following:

4 The state highway commission is authorized to change or
5 abolish speed zones on extensions of primary roads in suburban
6 districts of cities and towns when appropriate signs giving
7 notice thereof shall be erected at such zones.

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
2 ninety-three (321 293), Code 1954, is hereby repealed and the
3 following is inserted in lieu thereof:

4 City and town councils by ordinance may in their discretion
5 establish higher speeds than those stated in section three hundred ~~8~~
6 twenty-one point two hundred eighty-five (321 285) of the Code, on
7 streets and highways within their respective jurisdictions other
8 than primary road extensions in suburban districts, where stop
9 signs have been erected at the entrance thereto giving notice of
10 the authorized speed, but the councils shall not have authority
11 to authorize by ordinance a speed in excess of fifty (50) miles
12 per hour.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 402

This bill would establish a speed limit on the open highways of 55 miles an hour during the nighttime and 65 miles an hour during the daytime. It would also authorize the highway commission to change speed limits on extensions of primary highways in suburban districts. It would also give cities and towns the authority to increase speeds on streets within their respective jurisdictions.

1 Amend House File 402 by adding thereto the following
2 section:
3 Sec 4. Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1954,
4 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:
5 "Upon the third conviction within any three year period
6 of the violation of any of the provisions in sections three
7 hundred twenty-one point two hundred eighty-five (321.285),
8 three hundred twenty-one point two hundred eighty-seven
9 (321.287), inclusive, the operator's or chauffeur's license
10 of the defendant shall be suspended for six (6) months."

Filed
February 25, 1955

BROWN of Keokuk.

1 Amend House File 402 by adding to section one (1) thereof the
2 following: "The provisions of this section shall be effective
3 for a period of two (2) years beginning July 4, 1955."

Filed
March 10, 1955.

WHITNEY of Cherokee.

1 Amend House File 402 by striking all after the enacting
2 clause and inserting in lieu thereof:
3 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
4 eighty-five (321.285), Code 1954, is amended by inserting the
5 following after the period in line thirteen (13):
6 "Seventy-five miles an hour shall be the absolute maximum
7 speed under ideal conditions."
8 Sec. 2. Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1954,
9 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:
10 "Upon the second conviction with any two-year period of the
11 violation of any of the provisions in section three hundred
12 twenty-one point two hundred eighty-five (321.285), inclusive,
13 the operator's or chauffeur's license of the defendant shall
14 be suspended for six (6) months."

Filed
March 28, 1955.

HAGEDORN of Clay.

1 1. Amend House File 402 by adding as section
2 three (3) the following:
3 The board of supervisors may establish speed
4 limits not in excess of forty-five (45) miles per
5 hour for a distance of five hundred feet in rural
6 school districts on secondary roads.
7 2. Further amend House File 402 by renumbering the
8 remaining section.

Filed
March 29, 1955.

HENDRIX of Muscatine.