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Safety and Law Enforcement.

House File 131
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Passed House, Date 2-22 Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes 88 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act to repeal section three hundred twenty-one point three hundred forty-five (321.345), Code 1954, and to enact a substitute therefor, relating to stops at through highways.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred forty-five (321.345), Code 1954, is hereby repealed and
3 the following enacted in lieu thereof:
4 "The state highway commission with reference to primary
5 highways and local authorities with reference to other highways
6 under their jurisdiction may designate through highways and
7 erect stop signs or yield signs at specified entrances thereto,
8 (or may designate any) intersection as a stop intersection or as
9 a yield intersection and erect stop signs or yield signs at
10 one or more entrances to such intersection.
11 Every stop sign shall bear the word "Stop" in letters not
12 less than six (6) inches in height. Every yield sign shall
13 bear the word "Yield" in letters not less than seven (7)
14 inches in height. Every stop sign and every yield sign shall
15 at nighttime be rendered luminous by internal illumination,
16 or by a flood light projected on the face of the sign, or by
17 efficient reflecting elements in the face of the sign.
18 Except when directed to proceed by a police officer or
19 traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching

20 a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop before
21 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or,
22 in the event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly
23 marked stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the
24 intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching
25 traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the
26 intersection.

27 The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign, if
28 required for safety to stop, shall stop before entering the
29 crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, in the
30 event there is no crosswalk, at a clearly marked stop line,
31 but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway
32 where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the
33 intersecting highway.

34 The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall in
35 obedience to such sign slow down to a speed reasonable for the
36 existing conditions, or shall stop if necessary as heretofore
37 provided in this section, and shall yield the right-of-way to
38 any pedestrian legally crossing the roadway on which he is
39 driving, and to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching
40 on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate
41 hazard. Said driver having so yielded may proceed and the
42 drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection
43 shall yield to the vehicle so proceeding, provided, however,
44 that if such driver is involved in a collision with a pedestrian
45 in a crosswalk or a vehicle in the intersection after driving
46 past a yield sign without stopping, such collision shall be
47 deemed prima facie evidence of his failure to yield right-of-way."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 131

This bill proposes to rewrite section 321.345, Code 1954, so as to permit the use of both stop and yield signs at intersections as is now done in a number of states. It is definitely a safety measure designed both to expedite traffic and to permit substitution of the yield sign for stop signs at locations where the latter are not justified and in many cases have not served their purpose because some drivers fail to observe the requirement for stopping.

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adapted 7/22

- 1 Amend House File 131, section one (1), by striking from
- 2 line eight (8) the words "or may designate any" and inserting
- 3 in lieu thereof the words "and shall designate each".

Filed
February 13, 1957

BALLHAGEN of Butler.

HOUSE FILE 131

- 1 Amend House File 131, Section 1, line eight (8) by
- 2 inserting before the word "intersection" where it first
- 3 appears in line eight (8), the word "such".

Offered and adopted
February 22, 1957.

BROWN of Keokuk.

