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**House File 305**

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

**A BILL FOR**

An Act to provide driver education courses in all public high schools in Iowa.

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

1 Section 1. The starting date, except as provided for in  
2 section seven (7) of this Act, for the subsidized program on  
3 driver education under the direction of the department of  
4 public instruction, shall be September 1, 1960, or the starting  
5 date of the first semester of the public high school programs  
6 after August 1, 1960, whichever date occurs first. After such  
7 date, it shall be mandatory that all public high schools in the  
8 state, subject to the provisions of section eight (8) of this Act,  
9 offer an approved driver education program of both classroom and  
10 behind-the-wheel instruction under the supervision of the state  
11 department of public instruction. In school districts which  
12 have both junior and senior high schools, the course shall be  
13 offered in the senior high schools and may be offered in the  
14 junior high schools. Reimbursement for the program starting on  
15 or after these dates will be made at the end of the school year  
16 when final reports are received from the school district, if  
17 reimbursement funds are available.

1     Sec. 2. Reimbursement may be made to a public school dis-  
2     trict up to thirty (30) dollars per pupil from funds made avail-  
3     able by state appropriations or by a special driver educational  
4     training fund, on the basis of a special report submitted to the  
5     superintendent of public instruction at the close of the school  
6     year, except that if the actual cost per pupil be less than  
7     thirty (30) dollars, then reimbursement shall not be more than  
8     the actual cost per pupil. The report shall contain full infor-  
9     mation as to the number of pupils who participated in the course  
10    and the number of students who received passing grades. The  
11    names of students for whom reimbursement is claimed shall be  
12    retained in the school records and shall be available to law-  
13    enforcing officers.

1     Sec. 3. School administrators in public schools shall  
2     develop a program of driver education that will be available to  
3     all youths of school age eligible for such a course. Public  
4     schools so offering shall be reimbursed under the provisions of  
5     this Act for said youths of school age who take the course.

1     Sec. 4. Any school or school district offering an approved  
2     course in driver education may, at its discretion, offer the  
3     program during the regular school year or during the summer, or  
4     after school periods. The state reimbursement shall be based  
5     upon whether or not the standards set by the superintendent of  
6     public instruction for an approved course in driver education  
7     have been met, regardless of the time it is offered.

1     Sec. 5. Each student who passes a course in driver education  
2     which meets the standards set by the superintendent of public  
3     instruction shall be granted a special certificate approved by  
4     the superintendent, which certificate may be used as official

5 proof that he has taken a course as required by this Act. Any  
6 student who proves, to the satisfaction of the superintendent  
7 of public instruction, that he has passed a course in driver  
8 education, or its equivalent, in a school in another state,  
9 shall be granted the special certificate provided for in this  
10 section.

1 Sec. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred  
2 seventy-seven (321.177), Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding  
3 after subsection seven (7) thereof the following subsection:

4 "To any person after July 4, 1961, as an operator, who is  
5 under the age of eighteen (18) years and who has not received  
6 a passing grade in the course of driver education provided by  
7 this Act".

1 Sec. 7. Schools offering a driver-education course which  
2 meets the requirements of this Act after August 31, 1957, may  
3 be reimbursed under the provisions of section two (2) of this  
4 Act.

1 Sec. 8. High schools whose enrollment does not warrant a  
2 full time instructor in driver education may cooperate with  
3 any other school or schools and offer together with said school  
4 or schools a single course in driver education for the students  
5 of the participating schools. A high school may also offer the  
6 course biennially.

1 Sec. 9. This Act may be cited as the "driver education law".

#### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 305

This bill provides that a subsidized program of driver education shall be offered by the public school system to students, under the supervision of the department of public instruction. A student who takes and passes the course will be eligible for a driver's license when he reaches 16 years of age. One who does not take nor pass the course will not be eligible for a driver's license until he reaches 18 years of age.

This bill is patterned after the Michigan law which is now in effect. Other states where similar legislation has been enacted are: Michigan, California, Maine, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Florida.

In the 11 years' history of driver education in Iowa, insofar as is known, there has

not been a fatal accident involving a graduate of driver education. Insurance companies now recognize the value of such education and offer a 10 percent reduction in the premium where a youth has completed the course.  
The enactment of this legislation will greatly reduce our accident rate in the future.

HOUSE FILE 305

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- 1 Amend House File 305 by inserting after the word
- 2 "reimbursement" in line four (4) of section four (4) the
- 3 following: "to public school districts".

Filed  
March 21, 1957.

CHALUPA of Jefferson.

HOUSE FILE 305

- 1 1. Amend House File 305, section one (1), line six (6),
- 2 by striking the words, "After such".
- 3 2. Further amend section one (1), by striking all of
- 4 lines seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11),
- 5 twelve (12), thirteen (13) and through the period in line
- 6 fourteen (14).

Filed  
March 26, 1957.

SMITH of O'Brien.

HOUSE FILE 305

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- 1 Amend House File 305:
- 2 Amend House File 305 by striking section three (3) and
- 3 section four (4) and section six (6).
- 4 Further amend by renumbering the remaining sections.

Filed and adopted  
April 1, 1957.

HAGEDORN of Clay.