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Senate File 542

By TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

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Vote: Ayes 29 Nays 0

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Vote: Ayes 85 Nays 0

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## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend sections three hundred twenty-one point thirty-four (321.34), three hundred twenty-one point thirty-five (321.35), three hundred twenty-one point thirty-seven (321.37), and three hundred twenty-one point fifty-three (321.53), Code 1958, relating to the display of evidence on trucks, truck tractors, trailers and semi-trailers registered in Iowa or other jurisdictions to designate the weights for which such vehicles are registered.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-four
- 2 (321.34), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:
- 3 1. By inserting in line five (5) after the word, "motorcycle,"
- 4 the words, "truck tractor,".
- 5 2. By inserting the following new paragraph after the word,
- 6 "vehicle." in line seven (7):
- 7 "The county treasurer shall also issue to applicants for
- 8 registration of a truck or a truck tractor, not including in
- 9 the lowest registration class, a decalcomania emblem for each
- 10 plate and which emblem designates the gross weight for which the
- 11 vehicle is registered by figures which show the gross weight in
- 12 tons. Number plates and weight limitation emblems which are
- 13 issued with registrations or registration increases are hereby
- 14 declared to be integral parts of the registration of the vehicle
- 15 for which issued."
- 1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-five
- 2 (321.35), Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding the following

3 sentence:

4 "The numbers on the plates issued for trucks and for truck  
5 tractors shall be so arranged on the plate as to leave a blank  
6 space three (3) inches wide and four (4) inches high at one (1)  
7 end of the plate which is to be the location of the decalcomania  
8 gross weight emblem provided for in section three hundred  
9 twenty-one point thirty-four (321.34) of the Code. This emblem  
10 shall show the gross weight for which registered in as large  
11 figures as possible in the upper three (3) inches and the word  
12 'ton' in the lower one (1) inch of the emblem. The emblem shall  
13 be of such material and quality that it will remain legible  
14 during the full registration period and that it cannot be removed  
15 from the plate without its being destroyed."

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-seven  
2 (321.37), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By inserting after the word, "motorcycle" in lines two (2)  
4 and three (3) the words, "or a truck tractor".

5 2. By adding the following new sentence:

6 "The registration plate issued for a truck tractor shall be  
7 attached to the front thereof."

1 Sec. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point fifty-three  
2 (321.53), Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding the following  
3 sentence at the end thereof:

4 "A truck, truck tractor, trailer or semi-trailer owned by a  
5 nonresident and operated on Iowa highways must have displayed  
6 upon it a valid registration plate or plates and a valid  
7 registration certificate, card, or other official evidence of its  
8 allowable weight in the state, district or county in which it is  
9 registered."

#### EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 542

This bill is intended to require plain and easily seen evidence of the weight classification for which a vehicle is registered in Iowa. It will make detection of insufficient registration much easier and will be a definite protection against unfair competition for operators, both Iowa and foreign, who do carry sufficient registration and who pay the fees therefor. There will be much less delay in the checking of registration on the highways.

Reciprocity agreements with other states require adequate registration in the state of registry. Provisions of this bill will require that evidence of such registration be carried in the vehicle when operating on Iowa highways.