

April 29, 1965.
Sifting Committee.

House File 661
By TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Passed House, Date *deferred 5/7 5/11* Passed Senate, Date *5/26*

Vote: Ayes *107* Nays *1* Vote: Ayes *46* Nays *4*

Approved *June 2, 1965*

*passed house as amended 5/27 (04-1) passed on file 5/12
transportation 5/13
pass 5/20
deferred 5/25*

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to fully reflective vehicle number plates.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred
2 sixty-six (321.166), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto the following:
4 All number plates shall be treated with a reflective material
5 according to specifications prescribed by the commissioner. The
6 plates so treated shall be of such a nature as to increase legi-
7 bility and visibility and to provide effective and dependable
8 brightness during the service period of the number plate issued.
9 "For the purpose of procuring these reflective number plates,
10 an additional fee of twenty-five (25) cents per year for each reg-
11 istration of a motor vehicle shall be added to the registration
12 fee, which additional fee shall be credited by the treasurer of
13 state to the general fund and be in addition to the three (3)
14 percent set out in section three hundred twenty-one point one
15 hundred forty-five (321.145) of the Code."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred
2 forty-six (321.146), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding
3 in line four (4) after the word "department" the words ", in-
4 cluding supplies and materials and the cost of manufacture of
5 motor vehicle plates at the prison industries,".

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 661

This proposed bill provides that all vehicle number plates be treated on the entire visible surface with reflective material and that the cost be absorbed by an additional charge of 25 cents to the owner obtaining the plates.

Basically, purposes of fully reflective license plates are two-fold:

1. Safety feature for night driving.
2. Easier police identification.

The surface of a reflective plate is highly illuminative and provides exceptional visibility and legibility. The prevention of rear-end collisions including collisions with parked vehicles, is one of the primary examples of the reflective plates' value to traffic safety.

Another example of the value of the fully reflective plate is the nighttime situation of the oncoming car with one headlight; the illumination of the plate will indicate to the motorist where the oncoming car is located in the roadway.

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- 1 Amend House File 661 by striking all after the word
- 2 "be" in line 11 to and including the second word "fee" in line 12,
- 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'collected at the
- 4 same time as the registration fee, which additional
- 5 collection".

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May 11, 1965.

adopted 5/11

O'MALLEY of Polk.

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- 1 House File 661 is hereby amended by striking all after the
- 2 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 3 "Section 1. Section four hundred twenty-two point sixty-two
- 4 (422.62), Code 1962, as amended by chapter two hundred sixty-six
- 5 (266) and section one (1) of chapter two hundred sixty-seven (267),
- 6 Acts of the Sixtieth General Assembly, and section nine (9) of
- 7 Senate File one hundred ninety-two (192), Acts of the Sixty-first
- 8 General Assembly, is hereby further amended by striking lines
- 9 fourteen (14) through seventeen (17) and inserting in lieu thereof
- 10 the following:
- 11 'industries. All motor vehicle registration plates shall be
- 12 treated with a reflective material according to specifications
- 13 prescribed by the commissioner of public safety. The plates so
- 14 treated shall be of such a nature as to increase legibility and
- 15 visibility and to provide effective and dependable brightness
- 16 during the service period of the plates. For the purpose of pro-
- 17 curing the reflective plates, an additional fee of twenty-five
- 18 (25) cents per year for each registration of a motor vehicle,
- 19 collected at the time of the registration, shall be added to the
- 20 registration fee. The additional fee collected shall be credited
- 21 to the road use tax fund. Any amount unexpended.
- 22 "Sec. 2. Section one (1) of chapter two hundred sixty-six (266),
- 23 Acts of the Sixtieth General Assembly, as amended by section ten
- 24 (10) of Senate File one hundred ninety-two (192), Acts of the
- 25 Sixty-first General Assembly, is hereby amended as follows:
- 26 1. By striking from line five (5) the words and figure 'four
- 27 hundred fifty thousand (450,000)' and inserting in lieu thereof
- 28 the words and figure 'nine hundred thousand (900,000)'.
- 29 2. By striking from line eight (8) the words and figure 'three
- 30 hundred thousand (300,000)' and inserting in lieu thereof the words
- 31 and figure 'six hundred thousand (600,000)'."

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adopted 5/26 *re-use amended 5/27*

By FROMMELT.